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Meeting: Monday, April 4, 1994, 6:00 p.m.

Place: Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Bldg.
401 Van Ness, SF 94102

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Veterans Affairs Commission of San Francisco

Meeting: Monday, May 2, 1994, 6:00 p.m.

Place: Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Bldg.
401 Van Ness, S.F.

Agenda: Approval of minutes
Committee reports
Conflict of interest
Legal obligations

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Veterans Affairs Commission of San Francisco

Meeting: Monday, June 6, 1994, 6:00 p.m.

Place: Room 104, War Memorial Veterans Bldg.
401 Van Ness, S.F.

Agenda:
1. per Robert's Rules
2. Officers
3. Conflict of interest
4. Residence

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401 Van Ness, S.F.

Agenda:
1. per Robert's Rules
2. Officers
3. Conflict of interest
4. Residence

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Monthly Meeting
Minutes, May 5,1997
Time 6p - 7p

1. Call to order: 6:10 pm

2. Agenda additions: Update on VAC web site and introduction of the City Web Master.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

4. Reports:

a. Veterans Information Employment Work shop continues But, only 3-5 vets attend because the work situation is good.

b. SF VEC Job Fair was very successful and should be larger next year.

c. City Web Master Mr. Rod Loucks was introduced. Rod promised his assistance in our efforts regarding the web site.

d. Work continues on street name change project a report will be provided at the next meeting.

5. BUSINESS

a. Mr. Grant Young a member the Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square (HSMPS) committee delivered the financial information requested. In addition the VAC requested that HSMPS provide a written pledge to provide priority consideration to veterans for jobs (40-45) at the ships memorial. Mr. Young promised to provide such a letter at our next meeting.

b. A motion to recommend that Mayor Brown and the city leaders formally support the Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square(to port an Iowa class battleship) was approved.

c. Motion to create the previously discussed VAC web site was approved.

d. Motion to send a "letter of thanks "to the SF VEC for putting on the San Francisco Job Fair was approved. Letter must go through the supervisory authority to the committee.

e. Motion to send a "letter of thanks" to the employers and the corporate sponsors who supported the 1997 San Francisco Job Fair was approved.

d. Motion to endorse Assembly Bill AB 420which requires veterans preference in hiring at any " Local public entity" see enclosure 1 for details.

b. Discussion and possible action to appoint a chair to health and welfare committee was tabled until the next meeting on June 2, 1997.

6. Next meeting is scheduled in room 104, 401 Van Ness Ave. June 2,1997

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission

Monthly Meeting Room 104,401 Van Ness Avenue

June 2,1997 Agenda

Time 600p - 700p

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1. CALL TO ORDER
   a. Pledge of Allegiance
   b. Welcome & Opening Remarks
   c. Introduction of Guest & New members

2. AGENDA/ Additions or corrections

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. REPORT ON SPECIAL PROGRAMS
   a. Veterans Information Employment Work shop
   b. San Francisco Veterans Employment Committee tax status

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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. Appointment of committee chair to Health and Welfare committee
   b. Discussion of chairs to other cmts
   c. Update on street name change

6. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Review the City's Continuum of Care Plan
   b. Discuss hearings regarding above plan(near veterans day)

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING Room 104, 401 Van Ness Ave. July 4 1997 ?

8. ADJOURNMENT

SEE YOU MONDAY!

NEED GRANT EXSISTANCE INCLUDED

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July 2, 1997

Minutes - June 2, 1997 Meeting of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a roll call.

PRESENT: Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Jim Linebarger, Maceo May, Glenn Raswyck and Ed Wilkerson. A quorum was not present.

CHAIR

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved by a hand vote

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: *Approved with no correction or additions by unanimous vote.*

REPORTS: Report by the Health and Welfare committee on the City's process for seeking HUD funding for projects in the City and County addressing homeless issues. Main outcome of the report was that veterans have not been considered a priority under their various guiding documents, or in the actual funding process.

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Report by Ed Wilkerson on the S.F. Veterans Employment Committee. Committee has received tax exempt 501(c)3 status, which allows them more flexibility in addressing employment issues for veterans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Street Name Change- Commissioner Levin is to confer with the City Attorney to determine whether there are any technical or legal barriers to seeking a name change for the 1 mile stretch of Park Presidio between Lincoln and Fulton streets.

Ratification of Commissioner May as Chair of Health and Welfare tabled for the July meeting when a quorum is present.

Appointment and ratification of Chairs to other standing committees tabled for July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a recommendation by those present to include on next month's agenda; ratification of a decision to charge the Health and Welfare Committee with the task of reviewing the City's Continuum of Care Plan, as it relates to veterans, and report back to the full commission

The Health and Welfare Committee introduced a plan to hold hearings on homeless veterans Oct 10, 1997. Recommendation was tabled for full discussion by the Commission at the July meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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AGENDA

DATE:	Monday, July 7, 1997
TIME:	6:00 P.M.
PLACE:	401 Van Ness, War Mem. Bldg., Room 104

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of June 2, 1997, Commission Meeting**
4. **Reports**
   - A. Secretary
     1. Report on status of comission appointments, expired and near expiration of appointments, and correspondents.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Special Report on renaming a street in honor of Veterans (Wallace Levin).
5. **Unfinished Business**
   - A. Ratification of appointment of Chair (Maceo May), to the Health and Welfare Committee
   - B. Discussion and appoiontment of Chairs to standing committees.
   - C. Ratification of a date for holding hearings on homeless veterans. (Proposed Date - November 10, 1997.)
   - D. Baca Bill
6. **New Business**
   - A. Mckinney Priority Setting Panel and HUD Block Grants
7. **Special Presentations**
8. **Announcements/Public Comment**
9. **Adjournment**

City and County Of San Francisco — Commission on Veterans' Affairs

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AGENDA

DATE:	Monday, July 7, 1997
TIME:	6:00 P.M.
PLACE:	401 Van Ness, War Mem. Bldg., Room 104

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of June 2, 1997, Commission Meeting**
4. **Reports**
   - A. Secretary
     1. Report on status of Commission appointments, expired and near expiration of appointments, and related correspondence.
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Minutes - Jul 7, 1997 Meeting of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a roll call.

PRESENT: Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lisbarger, Macco May, Glenn Rzewyck and Ed Wilderson. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved by a hand vote

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: *Approved with following corrections: Wallace Levin was present for the June meeting, and the street referenced in the name change report is Cross Over rather than Park presidio*

REPORTS: Report by the Secretary on the expiration dates of appointments, and update on current appointments and a listing of those Commissioners appointed by either the Board or the Mayor.

Report by the Health and Welfare committee on the progress of homeless veterans' projects at Treasures Island and the Presidio

Report by Commissioner Levine on the status of the street name change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: It was announced that John Griswold, newly appointed Commissioner, passed away sometime during the week of June 23. It as suggested that we send a note of condolence and adjourn our meeting in his honor. Both were agreed to.

ACTION ITEMS: Commissioner May was appointed Chair of the Health and Welfare Committee.

A question on whether Commissioners present constituted a quorum. Question put to a motion to recognize that a quorum was indeed present. Motion seconded, and vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Appointment and ratification of Chairs to other standing committees tabled for Aug meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Levine informed the Commission that there was a significant reduction in Veteran's Affairs funding, which could affect veterans in S.F. Item to be placed on Aug agenda to discuss whether we can or should taken action.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. in honor of John Griswold.

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San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission

Monthly Meeting Room 104,401 Van Ness Avenue

August 4,1997 Agenda

Time 600p - 700p

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ Additions or corrections

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

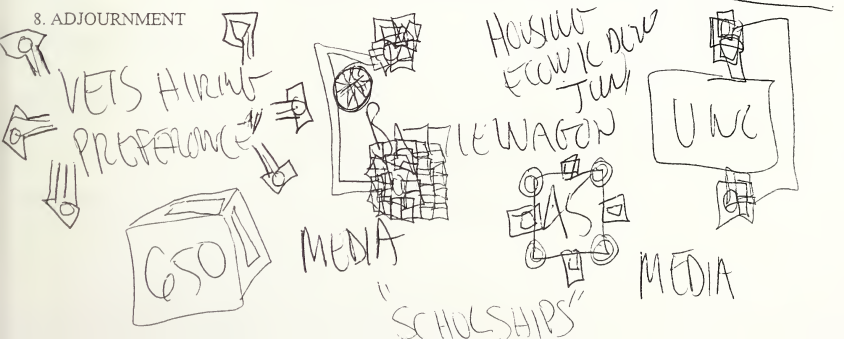
4. REPORTS
   a. Secretary: Report on status of commission appointments
   b. Health and Welfare Committee
   c. Special Report on renaming a street in honor of veterans
   d. McKenny Panel and HUD block grants

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. Discussion of chairs to legislative and media committees
   b. Review of letter to ships commission
   c. Response to Senator Specter's letter- Commissioner Levin

6. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Discussion of movement of the Veteran's Center from 25 Van Ness.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT/ PUBLIC COMMENT
   a. Next meeting room 104, 401 Van Ness Ave. September 8,1997

8. ADJOURNMENT



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Minutes - AUG 7, 1997 Meeting of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a roll call.

PRESENT: Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Linebarger, Maceo May, Glenn Raswyck and Ed Wilkerson. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved by a hand vote

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: *Approved with no corrections or additions*

REPORTS: Report by the Secretary on the expiration dates of appointments, and update on current appointments and a listing of those Commissioners appointed by either the Board or the Mayor.

Update by the Health and Welfare committee on the progress of homeless veterans' projects at Treasures Island and the Presidio

Report by Health and Welfare on a Congressional commission, which is looking into the issues associated with military personnel discharging from active duty, and the assistance, or lack thereof, that these individuals may be receiving.

Report by Commissioner Levine on the status of the street name change.

Report By Ed Wilkerson that the only organization, besides the V.A., providing direct services to veterans, placed 4th in the priority setting for funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ACTION ITEMS: Commissioner Levine appointed to Chair of the Media Committee. Commissioner De LaCruz appointed Chair of the Legislative Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Follow up on Vet Center move - possible recommendation to Mayor that Vet Center be allowed to stay in current location or move into 401 Van Ness.

NEW BUSINESS: A crucial service agency - The Vet Center - is being asked by the City to move from their current location. Move could create a disadvantage for veterans, and severely limit access to needed services. Also suggested that Commission send letter to the Mayor asking him to support jobs for vets.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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AGENDA

DATE:	Monday, Sep 8, 1997
TIME:	6:00 P.M.
PLACE:	401 Van Ness, War Mem. Bldg., Room 104

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Aug 4, 1997, Commission Meeting**
4. **Reports**
   - A. Secretary
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Commitee.
5. **Unfinished Business**
   - A. Report on Hearings for Nov 10, 1997
   - B. Letter to the Mayor recommending consideration of the Historic Ships Memorial project.
6. **New Business**
   - A. Interview of prospective new member to the Commission
7. **Special Presentations**
8. **Announcements/Public Comment**
9. **Adjournment**

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Minutes- Monday, September 8, 1997

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM with a roll call.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was unanimously approved by a hand vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for August 7, 1997 approved.

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In a open discussion there were concerns voice not only about the lack of attendance of Commissioners C.J. Thompson O'Mara and Renne Champagne, but of their health and welfare. A motion was made by Commissioner De La Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Coolidge to have the Chair write a letter reminding these members of the attendance rules and also asking if they wish to remain with the commission.

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Discussion about a web-site was tabled until the Chair contacted Commissioner C.J. Thompson O'Mara about how far she has gone with this subject. It was also suggested that the commissioners sign on the legislation information mailing list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion to write letter to Mayor recommending consideration of the Historic Ships Memorial Project was made by Commissioner Levine and seconded by commissioner Raswyck. The motion was carried unanimously. The Chair will write the letter an "cc" to proper parties.

Chair was directed, with the help of Deputy City Attorney Kennedy, to present to all commissioners copies of Commission By-Laws and any and all amended copies. It was noted that this may take time and there was no deadline.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Commissioner Levine continues, with the support of the commission, on a the seemingly endless quest to rename "Cross-over Drive" which has no real name, Vetran's Blvd. Due the shifting political winds it has become a sore subject for the Bd. of Supes. to change aby street name. Counselor Kennedy stated he would assist Cmmmmissioner Levine in getting a "sponser" at the "Board" to move this worthwhile project along.

UNFINISHED BISINESS: The Vet Center on Van Ness, which has been asked to vacate by the city is still ther and the move seems in limbo. The commission agreed that this would be a bad move for Vets and will monitor what plans the city and the VA have.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Commisioner Raswyck, acting in place of Commissoner Wilkerson who is acting in place of Secretary May, with apologies to the Commission, for any things left out or misconstrued, and to the English Language for grammerical or spelling sins.

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San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission
Monthly Meeting Room 104,401 Van Ness Avenue

November 3,1997 Agenda

Time 6:00p - 7:00p

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ Additions or corrections

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

4. REPORTS
   a. Final plans for November 10 th hearing regarding homeless veterans .

   b. Commission report to mayor.

   c. Report on renaming of the street issue.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   a. Update on battleship project

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6. NEW BUSINESS
   a.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT/ PUBLIC COMMENT
   a. Next meeting room 104, 401 Van Ness Ave. December 8,1997

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Veterans Affairs Commission

City and County of San Francisco

11/3/97

Minutes - Nov 3, 1997 Meeting of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a roll call.
PRESENT:	Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Linebarger, Maceo May, Glenn Raswyck and Ed Wilkerson. A quorum was present.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:	The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved by a hand vote
MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:	*Approved with no corrections or additions*
REPORTS:	Update by the Health and Welfare committee on the progress of homeless veterans' projects at Treasures Island and the Presidio. Report by Commissioner Levine on the status of the street name change seems there is little interest by the Board to take this on at present. Commissioner Levine will hold off efforts until after the first of the year..
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Commissioner Levine asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of two individuals.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:	Hearings on homeless veterans postponed until approximately Jan 29, 1998. Commissioner May will explore the availability of the Bd of Supe's committee room.
NEW BUSINESS:	Question as to Commissioner Thompson White's continuance on the Commission. Motion made to follow up on this question after the first of the year. Motion passed. ACTION ITEMS: Placed on next month's agenda is an action to lay aside election rules, and nominate candidates from the floor.
ADJOURNMENT:	Meeting adjourned in honor of two individuals at the request of Commissioner Levine. at 7:50 p.m.

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City and County Of San Francisco — Commission on Veterans' Affairs

AGENDA

DATE:	Monday, Dec 1, 1997
TIME:	6:00 P.M.
PLACE:	401 Van Ness, War Mem. Bldg., Room 104

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Nov 3, 1997, Commission Meeting**
4. **Reports**
   - A. Secretary
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Commitee.
5. **Announcements/Public Comment**
6. **Unfinished Business**
   - A. Report on Hearings for Jan 29, 1997
   - B. Report By Commisioner W. Levine re: Street name change
7. **New Business**
   - A. Action Items
     1. Waiver of the Rules for Officer Election
     2. Election of Officers from the Floor
8. **Special Presentations**
9. **Adjournment**

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401 Van Ness Ave, Room 104

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION
401 Van Ness Avenue, War Memorial Building, Room 104
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MINUTES OF MEETING
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December 1, 1997

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM with a roll call.

PRESENT: Commissionerers; Veronika Cauley, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Maceo May, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson. Others Present Cheryl Cook

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The order of the agenda was changed by a motion and unanimously approved. New Business was moved up and elections were held first.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved unanimously approved with the addition of including the names of the two honored veterans, Walter Fuller and Horace Margolis, at the adjournment of the November 3, 1997 meeting, at the request of Commissioner Levin.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to lay aside election rules and nominate and elect canidates for the commission officers from the floor. Motion unanimously approved.
EDWIN A. WILKERSON was unanimously elected President of the Commission.
ROBERT DE LA CRUZ was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Commission.
GLENN RASWYCK was elected Secretary of the Commission.

REPORTS: Secretary: No report
Heath and Welfare: Commissioner May gave a progress report on veterans' particpation in the Treasure Island Developement, the Presidio, and the possibility of "immediate" housing at Hunter's Point.
Legislative: Commissioner De La Cruz proposed that we draft a resolution to present to the Board of Supervisors, to be sponsored by a Supervisor to be named later, concerning the treatment, or lack of treatment and understanding, of veterans suffering from "Gulf War Syndrome." Commissioner Grube made a motion to approve proposal, Commissioner Cauley seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The January 29, 1998 Hearing on Homeless Veterans have minor logistics to be worked out. Commissioner May that as soon as these logistics are worked out all service providers and interested parties will be notified.
Street Name Change: Commissioner Levin reported that there has been no progress in his continuing efforts to name a street to honor veterans.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:19PM

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETRANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION
401 Van Ness Avenue, War Memorial Building, Room 104
San Francisco, California 94102

AGENDA

Monday, January 5, 1998 - 6:00PM - 7:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 1997 MEETING
4. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary
   - B. Health & Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Committee
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - A. Report on the logistics for the January 29, 1998 Hearing on Homeless Veterans.
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT
   - A. Next Meeting: Monday, February 2, 1998
8. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES- JANUARY 5, 1998 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a roll call.

2. PRESENT: Veronika Cawley, Renne Champangne, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Maceo May, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Cheryl Cook was also present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the December 1, 1997 meeting were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6. REPORTS:

A. Secretary: No report

B. Health and Welfare Committee: Commissioner May reported that the Hearing on Homeless Veterans will be held in Room 404, at 401 Van Ness Ave. on January 29, 1998. All interested parties are welcome and that he would contact other providers, media, press, Board of Supervisors, and other related organizations.

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C. Legislative Committee: Commissioner De La Cruz invited Dr. Robert Owen (Enviormental Health Physician) at Ft. Miley to speak about Gulf War Syndrome and how the commission could assist the VA in helping Veterans receive help. He spoke about what the VA is doing about the new reorganization of the VA, that there are active programs for GWS and that he had a number of tasks that could assist the VA in reaching Veterans. He said that he would send us a letter with these proposals.
- Commissioner Levine reported on his latest proposal to the Board of Supervisors for a location for Veterans Blvd. The latest location is to change Park Presidio from Lake St. through MacArthur Tunnel.

7. NEW BUSINESS Commissioner Cawley formed a sub-committee under the Health and Welfare Committee to address HIV Medical issues at the VA.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
A. Cheryl Cook of the VSO announced that there was ameeting of the Bay Vets Forum at the War Mem. Building
B. Next meeting Monday, February 2, 1998

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

City and County Of San Francisco Commission on Veterans' Affairs

AGENDA

DATE:	**Thursday, Jan 29, 1998**
TIME:	**10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.**
PLACE:	**401 Van Ness, War Mem. Bldg., Room 404**

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Conduct of Hearings on Homeless Veterans (see attched description).**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Adjournment**

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401 Van Ness Ave, Room 104
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City and County of San Francisco

WILLIE L. BROWN
MAYOR

SAMPLE

January 9, 1998

Re: Hearings on Homeless Veterans

The Veterans Affairs Commission will be conducting hearings on the needs of, and services available to, homeless veterans in the City and County of San Francisco. Because of your work in the community with either a general population, which may include veterans, or with veterans specifically, we are asking that you participate in these extremely important hearings scheduled for **10:00am to 3:00 p.m, January 29, 1998, at 401 Van Ness Ave - War Memorial Bldg.., Room 404..**

As you may know, veterans now constitute between 35 and 40% of the homeless population locally, and more than 300,000 nationwide. Our last report showed a disturbingly dismal picture of the health and social needs of men and women (most are in their late 40s and early 50s), who served their country and made great sacrifices only to wind up homeless on our streets, and "Missing In America". Additionally, the latest gap analysis (a component of the City's continuum of care planning document), shows that - for some 4,000 homeless veterans - there are only 385 beds of veteran specific housing.

The latest evidence shows that the situation has not improved, therefore, we find it critically important to accurately assess: the current and changing needs of veterans; the current services available, and; the gaps, or inadequacies in services to address those needs. These hearings will be the first step in the Commission's effort to develop ***a continuum of care plan*** that includes a comprehensive needs assessment as well as strategies and recommendations to address the gaps and inadequacy in services for this significant portion of the homeless population.

T is end, we are asking that you submit 10 copies of your written testimony to M. May, 44 Mc Allister, S.F. CA., 94102. Written testimony should include, but need not be limited to the following questions.

* Does your organization specifically serve veterans, or do you find veterans generally a part of the population you serve?
* If veterans are not your specific population, what percentage are they of your client population?
* Do you have targeted programs for veterans? If not, what is the nature of your services to them?
* How many veterans do you serve over the course of a year, and what do you see as their major health and social problems? We would also like you to provide a breakdown of problems with percentages if possible.
* What is the average number of times a veteran seeks treatment or services from your organization within a one year period?
* Clearly the veteran population is growing older. What do you see as the changing needs of veterans, and the gaps and/or inadequacies in services to this population? Please give us your ideas and recommendations as to strategies and resource development to meet these needs.

The Veterans' Affairs Commission looks forward to your written and verbal testimony. Both will be vital in creating the first (veteran specific), continuum of care plan for homeless veterans in the City and County of San Francisco.

Mateo A. May
C , Health and Welfare Committee

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City And County of San Francisco
Veterans Affairs Commission
Monthly Business meeting

February 2, 1998 Agenda

Time 600p - 700p

1. CALL TO ORDER — Chairperson

2. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING — Chairperson

3. REPORTS

   A. Secretary
   B. Health and Welfare Committee
   C. Legislative Committee

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   Action regarding , advertisement of VA health care at FT. Miley in voter's hand book's, MUNI bus signs and MUNI bus routes to FT. Miley.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENT

   A. Next meeting Monday March 9, 1998

7. AJOURNMENT

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MINUTES- FEBRUARY 2, 1998 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

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1.CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with a roll call.

2.PRESENT: Veronika Cauley, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Maceo May, C.J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. John Kennedy and Cheryl Cook were also present.

3.APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

4.MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Due to a work conflict there were no minutes present. Approval was put off until the March meeting.

5.PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Cheryl Cook from the San Francisco County Veteran's Service Office gave a brief history of the Service Office and what it does. She also described "sub-vention" funds and how they relate to SF County Veteran Funds. She then asked for consideration of support from the Commission of SB 1428.

6.REPORTS:

A. Secretary: No report.

B. Health and Welfare Committee: Commissioner May reported that the Homeless Veterans Hearing was well attended by service providers. The hearing helped move forward the philosphy of integrated care and continuum of care. Commissioner May will provide the findings and conclusions of the hearing at a later date to be announced.

C. Legislative Committee: Action regarding Dr. Owen"s (EHP VA Med Center) was put over to the next meeting until a copy of his requests were presented to the commission, due to questions as to the wording.
- Commissioner Levin continues to lobby for a place for Veteran's Blvd.

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7.NEW BUSINESS:

A. Commissioner May put a question before the commission as to whether or not we want or need to continue the practice of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the meetings. It was put on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Commissioner C.J. O'Mara stated that she will be working on the Web Site and that she welcomed any and all input from the Veteran Community and the Commission.

C. Commissioner Gibbs asked for a letter supporting Veteran's Vending Permits.

8.ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting Monday, March 2, 1998

9.ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 2, 1998
MEETING
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2, 1998 MEETING
   APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 5, 1998 MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. REPORTS

   A.Secretary

   B.Health and Welfare Committee

   C.Legislative Committee
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   A. Question of the Pledge of Allegiance at meeting.

   B. Response to Dr. Owens letter of request of support.

   C. Commissioner Gibb's request for letter of support for Veteran's Vending Permits

   D. Letter of support for SB 1428 (Sub-Vention Funds for County Veteran's Service Offices.
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES-MARCH 2, 1998, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 204
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:07p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Renne Champange, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Maceo May, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wikerson, and a quorum was present. John Kennedy and Cheryl Cook were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5th MEETING: The minutes of the January 5th meeting were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2nd MEETING: The minutes of the February 2nd meeting were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

8. REPORTS:

A. Secretary: No Report.

B. Health and Welfare Committe: Commissioner May presented a written report giving a schedule for the completion of a draft of continuum of care for Veterans by Veteran's Day 1998. The first step will be a written executive summary to be presented to the Commission after the information of the January 29th Homeless Vets Hearings have been collated.

C. Legislative Committee: Referred to unfinished business items B, C, and D.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Motion to reaffirm the practice of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The motion was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

B. Motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that signs on the Muni Bus #38 now reading "Ft. Miley" be changed to read "V.A. Hospital". This change will give the bus and route a higher visibility for Veterans to access the facility. The motion was approved with Commissioners Champange, De La Cruz, Gibbs, Grube, Levin, Lineberger, Raswyck, and Wilkerson voting yes and Commissioner May voting no.

Motion to reinvestigate the other four "examples for facilitating access for Veterans to Ft. Miley" by Dr. Owen of the V.A. The motion was unanimously approved

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with a hand vote. The Health and Welfare Committee will take a closer look at the four examples and give a report of the feasibility of them and wether they are appropriate for further recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. These items would then be added to the recommendation of the change of the Muni sign. A letter will be sent to Dr. Owen as soon as the report is in.

C. Commisioner Gibbs had requested a letter of support for Veteran's Vending Permits. In discussion it was revealed that there are exsisting legal motions going on at this time and that it became evident that we needed more information. A motion was approved to table this action until the April meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by a hand vote.

D. A motion was made to authorize the President of the Commission to write a letter to the President of the Board of Supervisors supporting California State Senate Bill No. 1428. The bill would change amounts and allocation of state funds to County Veteran Service Offices. The motion was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Commissioner Levin, due to his admirable tenaciousness, reported that with the help of Senator Quentin Kopp and Senator John Burton on the state level and Supervisor Leland Yee on the local level, finally got the Board of Supervisors to name a street Veteran's Boulevard. It will be from Park Presidio at Lake Street, through the MacArthur Tunnel, becoming part of Highway One, and ending at the National Cemetery at Doyle Drive.

B. Commissioner Levin also gave us a brief synopsis of some discriminatory treatment of both African Americans and Japanese-Americans during World War II. Specifically, the sad case of the African-American sailors at the Port Chicago explosion on July 17, 1944. There is a bill in the State Assembly regarding this issue and Commissioner Levine will present a motion for support of this bill at the April meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Champangne passed out invitations to a kickof fundraiser to bring the battleship Iowa to San Francisco, as a maritime museum and waterfront attraction. The event is March 26, 1998 at Sinbad's Resturant, (located behind the Ferry Building at the Embarcadero), at 5:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Medical Center
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In Reply Refer To:

February 9, 1998 11C

Edwin A. Wilkerson
Commissioner
San Francisco Veterans' Affairs Commission
C/O Employment Development Department
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Dear Mr. Wilkerson,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Commission on 1/5/98. I was pleased to be able to share my perspective and experience regarding the concerns of Persian Gulf veterans and the resources potentially available to them within the Department of Veterans Affairs. As you requested, I will try to recapitulate some of the ideas we developed during our discussions of ways the Commission might act to optimize access for San Francisco's Persian Gulf veterans to existing resources.

Many of the Persian Gulf veterans are inexperienced in accessing care from the VA medical system or any other medical system, because they have not had previous medical complaints or prior reason to use these resources. They often are unaware of benefits to which they may be entitled and are not members of veterans' organizations, which could provide such information. Consequently they believe no help is available simply because they do not know where to look for it.

Many questions remain about the long term consequences of environmental factors in the Gulf, including depleted uranium, low level exposure to pesticides, chemical and biological agents released into the atmosphere during weapons depot destruction and combinations of immunizations, protective clothing and prophylactic agents against nerve gases. Investigation of these issues is obviously of great importance to the military to be sure that in future conflicts, nothing in military procedures will impair the health or combat readiness of troops. It is also extremely important to the VA, whose

existence depends on being able to identify and treat medical problems within our veteran populations. Those unresolved issues need not, however, stand in the way of veterans getting care NOW for any existing symptoms or compensation for vocational or medical disabilities. It is important for PG veterans to know that they are ALREADY eligible for treatment at the VA based on their military service and do not need to identify the cause of their symptoms to obtain care. They only have to show up at a VA facility to request treatment of any complaints or a full Persian Gulf Database examination, to determine whether they are in good health, if they have no complaints.

In most cases knowing what caused a symptom or condition, while of interest, will not change how a physician treats a specific medical condition. Because of unresolved questions of causation, Congress has made special provision for PG veterans who become disabled from unknown causes within a presumptive period, currently 10 years after the end of the ground war. If in doubt, it is almost always in a veteran's best interest to file a claim for Compensation & Pension by contacting the San Francisco County Veterans Service Office at 554-2370 or the VA Regional Benefits Office at 1-800-827-1000.

As an arm of the City, the most effective way your Commission might assist Persian Gulf veterans and other veterans is to address ways that San Francisco can optimize access to VA medical care and other benefits for all veterans. Simple practical ways in which this might be done include facilitating access by San Francisco Public transit and by a Public information campaign, using existing resources. Examples are:

SIGNS 1 - changing the identification of #38 buses to the VA Medical Center from "Ft. Miley" to "Ft. Miley VA".

REROUTING 2 -rerouting the 38L (Limited) bus to the VA, rather than requiring disabled veterans to change buses on Geary and 42nd Avenue for the one block ride up the hill.

BROCHURES 3 -provide brochures about the VA in San Francisco City Clinics.

INFO PACKETS 4 -include public service information about availability of VA care in Voter's handbooks and other printed materials distributed by the City.

SIGNS 5 -install signs on Geary Boulevard and elsewhere pointing out the VA's location.

One way to accomplish these goals is for the Commission to forward a resolution for action by the Board of Supervisors to the effect that it shall be the policy of the City of San Francisco to facilitate access to care for veterans by modifying transit where possible and to maximize awareness of available health care resources and locations for veterans through improved signs and public information in City documents. This will be to the financial advantage of the City if veterans are diverted away from using the limited health care resources at SFGH and City Clinics and if the numbers of homeless veterans on the City streets, due to incapacitating diseases can be reduced.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Owen

Robert L. Owen, M.D.
Environmental Health Physician
VA Medical Center

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

WILLIE L. BROWN
MAYOR

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

February 26, 1998

Chair: Commissioner May

ITEMS:

* HEARINGS

1. The hearings were very successful. There was participation by 90% of those asked to testify, and the testimony provided was extremely valuable in learning more about the size of the population in need, what their needs are, what services agencies are able to provide, and the resources currently available, as well as those needed to realistically address the current and changing needs of veterans. Two areas of particular value were:

   * the V.A.'s changing role and shift in the mechanism for delivery of health care to veterans in Northern California. In addition, it was of particular interest that they are willing to establish an advisory board to their Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), which is the entity responsible for implementing their changing role and service delivery system.

   * learning more about what non-veteran specific agencies are doing as respects services to veterans and their observations about on-going and changing needs of veterans, and;

   * the riveting testimony presented by homeless and formerly homeless veterans certainly provided us with meaningful insight into their specific needs, what services work and those that don't.

2. With the help of Americorp personnel, the Committee is transcribing the taped testimony from the hearings. Once that is completed, the transcripts and each agency's written testimony will be reviewed, analyzed, and salient information extrapolated to begin the process of developing findings.

3. Our next step will be to present the written executive summary, with findings, to the full Commission for review and input.

4. Once this step has been completed, we will conduct our street survey and develop findings.

5 Our final step will be to form a workgroup, made up of leading agencies and veterans, to begin the process of developing our veteran specific - continuum of care.

NOTE: Our time line for completion of a draft continuum of care is Veterans's Day 1998.

6. The hearings have been re-broadcast continuously from Jan 29 to present because of the keen interest shown by the viewing public. I would daresay, the continuous re-broadcasts reflects the success of our hearing.

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* GULF WAR VETERANS - ADDRESS BY DR. OWENS JAN 5, 1998

1. Dr.. Owens made several recommendations in regards to the City creating better access to V.A. services for Gulf war veterans. Some of those suggestions were:

   * Transportation
     * changing the identification of the #38 bus
     * re-routing the 38 limited directly to the hospital

   * Information
     * Install street signs on Geary, and elsewhere, pointing out the V.A.'s location.
     * Provide brochures about the V.A. in public clinics, etc.
     * Include information about V.A. in voter's handbooks and other printed materials distributed by the City.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND FINDINGS PERTAINING TO THEM

1. Transportation

   I spoke with MUNI regarding re-identification of the 38 Geary to include "Veterans' Hospital", or similar wording, and they felt that this was doable. However, re-routing the limited is not. It is too costly in terms of scheduling (which is a major problem for MUNI in all of it's routes).

   We must remember, there is van service for disabled veterans provided by DAV and the V.A.'s homeless center located on 13th St. Thus, it becomes more of an information dissemination issue, rather than transportation.

2. Information

   It is much more feasible for the V.A. to conduct outreach to city health facilities and other clinics in the city, and provide their brochures to those sites, rather than the city incurring expense to print information about the V.A. and distribute.

   Information about the V.A. is already included in several city publications, especially those relating to physical and mental health. In fact, if one is looking for hospitals in the S. F. area, and using the internet, you will find information about the V.A. hospital.

   The development of more street signs, showing the location of the V.A., is feasible according to DPW.

SUMMARY

All in all, it is the recommendation of this Committee that the Commission move cautiously, and determine more detailed cost of the feasible items in this report before a recommendation is made to the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor.

SENATE BILL No. 1428

Introduced by Senator Johannessen

January 26, 1998

An act to amend Section 972.1 of the Military and Veterans Code, and to amend Section 1 of Chapter 318 of the Statutes of 1997, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1428, as introduced, Johannessen. County veterans service officers: disbursements to counties.

(1) Existing law authorizes each county board of supervisors to appoint a county veterans service officer and permits the county to provide the officer with any assistance and facilities that it determines to be necessary. Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to disburse funds, appropriated to the department for the purpose of supporting county veterans service officers pursuant to the annual Budget Act, on a pro rata basis to counties that comply with certain conditions.

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to annually determine the amount of new or increased monetary benefits paid to eligible veterans by the federal government that are attributable to the assistance of county veterans service officers and to annually transmit its determination for the preceding fiscal year to the Department of Finance and the Legislature. Existing law requires the Department of Finance to review the Department of Veterans Affairs' determination in time to use the information in the annual Budget Act.

Existing law also includes legislative findings and declarations stating that it is an efficient and reasonable use of state funds to increase the annual budget for county veterans service officers in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 if it is justified, as specified. Existing law also specifies that it is the intent of the Legislature, after reviewing the Department of Veterans Affairs' determination, to consider an increase in the annual budget for county veterans service officers, in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 if it is justified, as specified.

This bill would revise these latter provisions, on and after January 1, 1999, (a) to include legislative findings and declarations stating that it is an efficient and reasonable use of state funds to increase the annual budget for county veterans service officers by a total amount of not less than $5,000,000, rather than in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 if it is justified, as specified, and (b) to state that it is the intent of the Legislature, after reviewing the Department of Veterans Affairs' determination, to increase the annual budget for county veterans service officers by a total amount of not less than $5,000,000, rather than to consider an increase in the annual budget for county veterans service officers in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 if is it justified, as specified.

(2) Commencing January 1, 2001, existing law requires county funds to be allocated in any fiscal year for county veterans service officers in an amount not less than that allocated in the 1988–89 fiscal year.

This bill would change from January 1, 2001, to January 1, 1999, the date when county funds are to be allocated in any fiscal year for county veterans service officers in an amount not less than that allocated in the 1988–89 fiscal year.

(3) Existing law includes legislative findings and declarations stating, among other things, that, through the efforts of the county veterans service officers, benefits to the veterans of this state approximate an average of $88,000,000 per year from the federal government.

This bill would change these provisions to specify that through the efforts of county veterans services officers, benefits to the veterans of this state approximate an average

of $120,000,000, rather than $88,000,000, per year from the federal government.

(4) The bill would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes.

* Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 972.1 of the Military and Veterans Code, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 318 of the Statutes of 1997, is amended to read:

972.1. (a) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for allocation, during the 1989–90 fiscal year, for *the* purposes of funding the activities of county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers pursuant to this section. Funds for allocation in future years shall be as provided in the annual Budget Act.

(b) Funds shall be disbursed each fiscal year on a pro rata basis to counties that have established and maintain a county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officer in accordance with the staffing level and workload of each county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officer under a formula based upon performance that shall be developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs for these purposes.

(c) The department shall annually determine the amount of new or increased monetary benefits paid to eligible veterans by the federal government *that are* attributable to the assistance of county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers. The department ~~shall~~, on or before January 1, *shall* prepare and transmit its determination for the preceding fiscal year to the Department of Finance and the Legislature. The Department of Finance shall review the department's determination in time to use the information in the annual Budget Act for the budget of the department for the next fiscal year.

(d) (1) The Legislature finds and declares ~~that 50~~ *all of the following:*

(A) Fifty percent of the amount annually budgeted for county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers is approximately five million dollars ($5,000,000). ~~The Legislature further finds and declares that it~~

(B) It is an efficient and reasonable use of state funds to increase the annual budget for county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers in an amount not to exceed five million dollars ($5,000,000) if it is justified by the monetary benefits to the state's veterans attributable to the effort of these officers.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature, after reviewing the department's determination in subdivision (c), to consider an increase in the annual budget for county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers in an amount not to exceed five million dollars ($5,000,000); if the monetary benefits to the state's veterans attributable to the assistance of county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers justify that increase in the budget.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2001,~~ *1999,* and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, ~~2001,~~ *1999,* deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. Section 972.1 of the Military and Veterans Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 318 of the Statutes of 1997, is amended to read:

972.1. (a) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for allocation, during the 1989–90 fiscal year, for *the* purposes of funding the activities of county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers pursuant to this section. Funds for allocation in future years shall be as provided in the annual Budget Act.

(b) Funds shall be disbursed each fiscal year on a pro rata basis to counties that have established and maintain a county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officer in accordance with the staffing level and workload of each county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officer under a formula based upon performance that shall be developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs for these purposes, and that shall allocate county funds in any fiscal year for

county veterans service officers in an amount not less than the amount allocated in the 1988–89 fiscal year.

(c) The department shall annually determine the amount of new or increased monetary benefits paid to eligible veterans by the federal government *that are* attributable to the assistance of county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers. The department ~~shall~~, on or before January 1, *shall* prepare and transmit its determination for the preceding fiscal year to the Department of Finance and the Legislature. The Department of Finance shall review the department's determination in time to use the information in the annual Budget Act for the budget of the department for the next fiscal year.

(d) (1) The Legislature finds and declares ~~that 50~~ *all of the following:*

(A) Fifty percent of the amount annually budgeted for county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers is approximately five million dollars ($5,000,000). ~~The Legislature further finds and declares that it~~

(B) It is an efficient and reasonable use of state funds to increase the annual budget for county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers ~~in an amount not to exceed~~ *by a total amount of not less than* five million dollars ($5,000,000) ~~if it is justified by the monetary benefits to the state's veterans attributable to the effort of these officers~~.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature, after reviewing the department's determination in subdivision (c), to ~~consider an~~ increase ~~in~~ the annual budget for county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers ~~in an amount not to exceed~~ *by a total amount of not less than* five million dollars ($5,000,000)~~; if the~~. *The* monetary benefits to the state's veterans attributable to the assistance of county ~~veteran~~ *veterans* service officers justify that increase in the budget.

(e) This section shall become operative January 1, ~~2001~~ *1999*.

SEC. 3. Section 1 of Chapter 318 of the Statutes of 1997 is amended to read:

Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that through the efforts of the county veterans service officers, benefits to the veterans in this state approximate an average of ~~eighty/eight million dollars ($88,000,000)~~ *one hundred twenty million dollars ($120,000,000)* per year from the federal government either through the United States Department of ~~Veteran~~ *Veterans* Affairs or other federal agencies. It has been determined by the California Department of Finance that 33 percent of these funds become part of the ~~State~~ *state's* General Fund. The state, however, provides only 16 percent of the subvention for *functions of* the county veterans service ~~officers' functions~~ *officers,* with the counties providing the ~~rest~~ *remaining funding*. It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act that, in keeping with the philosophy that *those* whose efforts result in efficiency should benefit thereby, a portion of the funds attributable to the performance of county veterans service officers be utilized in funding their operations.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 6, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MARCH 2, 1998.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary: Report on issues regarding attendance and appointment compliance according to commission by-laws.

   B. Health and Welfare Committee:
      - Up date on V.A. Dr. Owen' Suggestions.
      - Up date on Veteran's Housing

   C. Legislative Committee
      -Veteran Vending Permits
      -Port Chicago Explosion State Assembly Bill

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   A. Web Site Update

8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES-APRIL 6, 1998, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:11p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Jim Lineberger, Leonard Grube, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorm was present. John Kennedy and Cheryl Cook were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 2nd MEETING: The minutes of the March 2nd meeting were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Cheryl Cook of the County Veterans Service Office thanked the Commission for the letter of support to Mayor Brown, in reference to SB 1428.

Ms. Cook also asked us to be aware of the need for a acknowledgement of the "Buffalo Soldiers" at the Presidio Museum. She would bring us more information in the future.

7. REPORTS:

A. Secretary: The Secretary reported that a number of were out of compliance and would have a form letter at the next meeting so members could get reinstated. A motion to change the attendence by-law was tabled until the next meeting were hopefully a larger quorum would be present.

B. Health and Welfare Committee: No report.

C. Legislative Committee: Review of letter to Muni/ Mr. Cruz in reference to the route I.D. for VA Hospital. Mr. Kennedy and Commissioner Wilkerson will look for a Board of Supervisor sponsor.. Commissioner Gibbs and Mr. Kennedy discussed the ongoing talks on street vending permits and how they can be better accessed by veterans and with a special accent on disabled vetterans. The discussion on the "Port Chicago Vets" was tabled until Commissioner Levine could give us more information.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Web-site update. No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Gibbs commented on the opening of a new shelter for homless people at Mission Rock and wondered if there were any preference for Vets.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Job Fair April 22, 1998.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:34p.m.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON MAY 4, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 6, 1998.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary: -Proposed change in attndence by-laws.
   -Reinstatement of commission members.

   B. Health and Welfare Committee:

   C. Legislative Committee:
   -Commissioner Cauley requests that the commission support AB 2737
   -Port Chicago Vets.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. Web-Site

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES - MAY 4, 1998, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04.

2. ROLL CALL: Charles Coolidge, Robert De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Levin Wallace, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. John I. Kennedy and Wayne Snodgrass were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 6th MEETING: The minutes of the April 6th meeting were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. REPORTS:

A. Secretary: Secretary and President would send a letter out with the minutes and agenda infoaing members that there will be a proposed change in the by-laws regarding attendance. The proposed change would eliminate the section 5 of the Article III. concerning membership to read "fewer than 50% of scheduled meetings in a calendar year, or 6 (six) meetings. The Section now reads "Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings or attends fewer thab 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall abdicate his/her seat. The Mayor or Bd. of Supervisors, as appropriate, shall be notified when a vacancy occurs. Letters to members who are out of appointment compliance, will also be sent.

B. Health and Welfare Committee: No report.

C. Legslative Report: Commissioner Cawley was not present to update us on her request for support by the commission for AB 2737. The discussion was tabled.

A motion was approved unanimously to authorize Commissioner Levine to draft a letter in support the Port Chicago Resolution.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Web-site update. No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Levine brought up questions about the status of the War Memorial Building and it's future in the plans of the present administration. He was also very concerned about the "sacred ground" between the Opera House and the War Memorial Bulilding. He will bring more information to the next meeting for dicussion.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Memorial Day Observances at the Presidio, May 26, 1998, 10:30AM

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM

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VETERANS BUILDING
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SEPT 8, 1987

WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALLOWS DESECRATION OF MEMORIAL COURT

For decades the sanctity of the Memorial Court next to the Veterans Building has been respected. That was until last year when the War Memorial Board of Trustees allowed the San Francisco Opera to have an Opening Night Circus Tent Cocktail Party in the War Memorial Court.

Although the event was held over our protests last year, we were led to believe this outrageous act would not be repeated. We were shocked when the Trustees once again gave their permission to the Opera to hold a Cocktail Party in a circus tent in Memorial Court on September 11, 1987. They have ignored repeated protests from the entire Veterans Community.

Veterans objection is based on the fact that when the Veterans Building was built, the Memorial Court was dedicated to those Americans who died in battle. It was to be a Living Memorial to those who died fighting for this country.

It appears that some people in positions of power have forgotten the sacrifices Veterans have made for this country. This thoughtless Anti-Veteran act shows a total lack of compassion towards Veterans, is tantamount to dancing on the graves of America's War Dead, and reflects negatively on the image of San Francisco.

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(For more information contact Wallace Levin, President, 775-2704)

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 1, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALLL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MAY 4, 1998.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary: -Proposed change in attendance by-laws.
   -Reinstatement of commission members.

   B. Health and Welfare Committee.

   C. Legislative Committee:
   -Tabled from 05/04/98: Support of AB 2737
   -Port Chicago Veteran's Resolution
   -Discussion of future of War Memorial Building and the land in between War Memorial Building and the Opera House.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   A. Web-Site

8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MINUTES - JUNE 1, 1998, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1802.

2. ROLL CALL: Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Wayne Snodgrass was also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was approved with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 4th MEETING: The minutes of the May 4th meeting were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. REPORTS:

A. Secretary: A motion was made to change the by-laws in regards to attendance. The by-laws had stated in Article III, Section 5., that any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings or attends fewer than 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall abdicate his/her seat. The Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as appropriate, shall be notified when such a vacancy occurs. The new Section 5. shall read; Any member who is absent from five (5) regularly scheduled meetings in a years time, starting with the August 3, 1998 meeting, shall abdicate his/her seat. The Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as appropriate, shall be notified when such a vacancy occurs. The motion was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

B. Health and Welfare Committee: No Report.

C. Legislative Report: Discussion on AB 2737 was tabled until Commissioner Cawley returns. Commissioner Levin sent a letter in support of the "Port Chicago Vetrans Resolution". A motion was approved to supprot the sending of the letter as is. The question of berthing a large battleship or aircraft-carrier in San Francisco has come up again and Commissioner Levine will keep us up to date on any changes. After discussion about the future of the "Veteran's War Memorial Building" a motion was made to send a letter to American Legion Governing Body asking to be kept up to dateon the future plans of the building relating to the retrofit and upgrade, the plans for the vacant space when City Hall moves, and what plans they have in store for the other Veteran Service Organizations. The motion to draft and send the letter was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Web-site. No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Levine commended Commissioner De La Cruz for a fine observence of Memorial Day at the Presido. Commisssioner De La Cruz also updated us on many new bills in the legislature.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Due to the Summer, the July meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is August 3, 1998.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1945

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June 5, 1998

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Veterans' War Memorial Building
401 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

RE: CHANGE IN COMMISSION BY-LAWS PERTAINING TO ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Dear Honorable Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

The members of the Veterans' Affairs Commission unanimously approved a change in the by-laws pertaining to attendance.

The old by-laws were that "any member who is absent from three consecutive scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall abdicate his/her seat."

We voted to change the by-laws to read that any member who is absent from five (5) regularly scheduled meeting in a years time starting with the August 3, 1998 scheduled meeting, shall abdicate his/her seat. The Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as appropriate, sahll be notified when such a vacancy occurs.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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MAKE CHANGES ETC.

WAYNE SNODGRASS 415-557-9999

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June 5, 1998

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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RE: NOTICE OF A COMMISSIONER OF THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION ABDICATING HIS SEAT.

Dear Honorable Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Mr. Wade Woods was appointed to the commission on June 6, 1997. He has not attended one (1) meeting. Any and all attempts to contact Mr. Woods have proved to be futile. Our letters come back with no forwarding addresses and the phone numbers we had are all non-functional.

According to our by-laws dated 12/05/83 in Article D. Removal of Officers: Section 1. "After three (3) consecutive absences from scheduled meetings of the council, the absent officer's seat shall be vacant and filled."

We wish to declare Seat 04 vacant. We will work with you all to refill this seat as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Adwin Wilkerson
President
Veterans' Affairs Commission

cc: Commission Members
Wayne Snodgrass, Deputy City Attorney
Nash Bridges
George Patton
Bob Dylan

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

SEAT NO: 03

Wallace I Levin
301 Mission #412
San Francisco CA 94105

HOME PHONE NO: (415) 777-1287
BUSINESS PHONE NO: (415)

REPLACED: Self
COMMENTS: *At end of term seat becomes at-large appointment.
REPRESENTS:

FILE #: 92-96-31.1 RES #: 592-96

APPOINTED BY: Board of Supervisors

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Must Represent Category 3.*

TERM: 4 YEARS

REAPPOINTMENT DATES

ORIGINAL APPT. DATE: 1/ 7/83 3/28/84 2/27/92 6/26/96
CURRENT APPT. DATE: 6/26/96
EXPIRATION DATE: 1/31/00

SEAT NO: 04

Wade Woods
San Francisco CA 941

HOME PHONE NO: (415) -
BUSINESS PHONE NO: (415) -

REPLACED: Maceo May
COMMENTS:
REPRESENTS:

FILE #: 92-97-23.1 RES #: 549-97

APPOINTED BY: Board of Supervisors

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Must be an at-large appointment.

TERM: 4 YEARS

REAPPOINTMENT DATES

ORIGINAL APPT. DATE: 6/ 6/97
CURRENT APPT. DATE: 6/ 6/97
EXPIRATION DATE: 1/31/01

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON AUGUST 3, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JUNE 1, 1998.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary- Attendance and By-laws.
   - Agenda preparation.

   B. Health and Welfare Committee

   C. Legislative Committee
   -AB2737
   -Issues surrounding a "floating ship museum in San Francisco.
   -The "huge" issue of the land and building use in and around the "Veteran's Memorial Building".
   -Update on the "Port Chicago Veterans Issue".

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   A. Website?

8. NEW BUSINESS

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July 10, 1998

Dear Fellow Commissioners,

I am sending out the agenda for the August 3, 1998 meeting earlier than I first proposed whenIsent out the minutes from the June meeting. The first reason is that between my work schedule and an illness in my family I am afraid I might run out of time by the 27th. The second reason is that there has been such a mass of interest and discourse on the subject of the Veteran's War Memorial Building and it's future that I feel there is no reason to add to what could and should be a very busy meeting.

I will bring all the coorespondence that I have received (copies for all) and I hope all will do the same if you have more information. I thought it would be appropriate to include just one of many letters I have seen about the subject. Lino Zmacona sent along this letter. I like to think that this is for all Veterans which I believe to be true. This looks like quite an issue and one that will not be going away for awhile.

See you at the meeting!

Yours,

Glenn "Raz" Raswyck
Secretary

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Minutes

August 4, 1998

Dear Fellow Commissioners,

The August 3rd meeting did not have a quorum. It was attended by Charles Coolidge, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and Wayne Snodgrass who represented the City Attorney's Office.

Due to the lack of quorum there was no business transacted. There was a presentation by Alan Mckean from the USS Hornet Museum, who thanked us for support of the project. The ship is opening for the public on August 20, 1998, with a grand opening on October 17, 1998. All are invited.

We will keep the same agenda. There was a consensus on the importance of the future of the Veteran's War Memorial Building.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 14, 1998. This is because of the Labor Day weekend which falls on our regular Monday. We hope we have a good turn out, so we can conduct some resolutions.

Yours truly,

Glenn "Raz" Raswyck
Secretary

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JUNE 1, 1998.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary- Attendance and By-laws.
      - Agenda preparation.

   B. Health and Welfare Committee

   C. Legislative Committee
      -AB2737
      -Issues surrounding a "floating ship museum in San Francisco.
      -The "huge" issue of the land and building use in and around the "Veteran's Memorial Building".
      -Update on the "Port Chicago Veterans Issue".

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   A. Website?

8. NEW BUSINESS

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MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 14, 1998, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1815.

2. ROLL CALL: Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Edwin A. Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass SFCAO, Cheryl Cook VSO, Arch Wilson, and Gary Harmon were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 1st MEETING: The minutes were unanimously approved by a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:
-Arch Wilson (previous commission member) and Gary Harmon were asked to introduce themselves.
-Ms. Cook from VSO presented material from Veronika Cauley dated 07/31/98. Ms. Cauley is in SF General Hospital. Information concerning the "Hilleary Amendement" and asking for support in making sure this bill is not passed in it's present form because it would devastate Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program. Material was distributed to members.
-Ms. Cook announced that Fridy, September 18th was POW/MIA recognition day. All flags will be flown at half mast.
-Ms. Cook stated that there are no plans for the Veteran's Memorial building at this time.
-Ms. Cook asked if the VAC could help the VSO with some of the unusual requests that her office receives. While there was some disussion pro and con President Wilkerson asked that the issue be put on the agenda at the next VAC meeting. Mr. Grube so moved and was seconded by Mr. Lineberger, and was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

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7. REPORTS:
A. Secretary was absent.
B. Health and Welfare Committee: Chair was absent.
C. Legislative Committee: AB 2737 (Housing bill) was tabled until Ms. Cauley returns.
-Mr. Levin reported on the "floating ship museum in SF" President Wilkerson will attend meeting on Sept 16. The Commission had previously suppoerted this concept.
-Mr. Levin also commented on the matter of "attending membership" and that membership should remain a primary priority.
-Mr. Levin cited the activism for veterans by American Legion Post 448. He distributed copies of a letter from 448 proposing a flag pole in the Memorial Court Yard, in honor of the men and women who died in the wars. He moved to support the consept, Mr. Coolidge seconded and the motion was carried. Mr. Levin will write a letter of support.

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-Mr. Levin presented a letter from Post 448 which supports locating the Vet Center in the Veteran's Building. Mr. Levin made a motion to support, Mr. Coolidge seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by a hand vote.
-Mr. Levin made a motion asking the War Memorial Commission to inform the VAC of their actions to secure veteran space in the building in the future. Mr. Champange seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously with a hand vote.
-Mr. Levin informed the Commission of his request for ad hoc representation on the WMC for the Jewish War Veterans, which was rejected in it's August meeting. Mr . Levin discribed efforts by WMC member Le Rue Grim to promote veteran occupancy in the building and hosting a daily openhouse for veterans. Mr. Line berger would like to have Mr. Grim invited to the next VAC meeting and discuss his program for the building. President Wilkerson said he would attend the next WMC meeting.
-Mr. Levin brought up the WWII "Port Chicago Incident". He sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors, asking them to support clearing the names of the sailors who were court-martialed, but recieved no response.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: -Website person absent.

9. NEW BUSINESS:
-Mr. Grube proposed getting information for the next meeting for Cheryl Cook's idea. President Wilkerson appointed him chair of a committee to present this information.
-Mr. Levin discussed the 100th Anniversary of the Spanish-American War. He recounted some of the history and he supports the idea of the request of the Philipines for the return of their historic bells that were taken by US Military. He requested that the VAC should support this idea and be put on the next meeting's agenda.
-Mr. Levin urged people to buy U.S. Postage stamps about the Military.
-Mr. Levin asked if the VAC could be made an ad hoc member of the WMC. The VAC attorney said that we could request it, but the WMC may have by-laws that may not allow it. He also stated that there are no City laws or administrative codes that prohibit it. This request would be put on the agenda at the next VAC meeting.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1949

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 5, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1998.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary- New member
      - Attendance

   B. Health and Welfare Committee:

   C. Legislative Committee:
      -AB 2737 (Housing Bill)
      -Hilleary Ammendment
      -Support of VSO
      -Support of Memorial Court Yard Flag Poll
      -Support of the return of the historis bells to the Philipines.
      -Request for a ad hoc member of the VAC to be on the WMC Board.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   A. Web-site

   B. Mr. Grim's WMB open-house program to promote a veteran presence in the building.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES - OCTOBER 5, 1998, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1803.

2. ROLL CALL: Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, Jr., Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, Patsy Wilson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Cheryl Cook, Steve Johnson, and Steve Johnson were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5 MEETING. The minutes, with corrections, were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. REPORTS:
   A. Secretary: Introduction of new commissioner Patsy Wilson. Stressed importance of addendance.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee: Chair was absent.
   C. Legislative Committee:
      - AB 2737 (Housing Bill) Commissioner (Com) Cauley in SF General Hospital. Tabled until her return.
      - Hillery Amendment- Tabled for same as above.
      - Letter sent, with corrections, by President Wilkerson in support of the flag pole to be placed in the War Memorial Court, a marker, notification of the American Legion War Memorial commission Meetings, and space for the Vet Center of San Francisco on the ground floor of the War Memorial building. This letter was sent to the American Legion War Memorial Commission.
      - Support of "Phillippine Bells" tabled until more information can be presented.
      - Request for ad-hoc membership on the War Memorial Commission tabled until more information can be gathered at the October 14th meeting of that commission.
      - Request for support of "special needs of Veterans" from the Veteran's Service Office.
        - Commissioner Grube was named as head of a committee that would investigate how and if the VAC can help and or give support to theses "special situations. Commissioner Grube will present his findings at the next meeting. He will work with Ms. Cook from the VSO.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A. Web-site member absent.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS: A. Special thanks from the Veteran's Service Office for support of the POW/MIA Day Observance.

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B. Commissioner Champagne announced that the Veteran's Day Parade will be held on November 8, 1998. He passed out information and asked for the participation of the VAC.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON OCTOBER 5, 1998.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary- Attendance

   B. Health and Welfare Committee:

   C. Legislative Committee:
      -Legislation support (Comm. Cauley)
      -Status of the War Memorial Building update.
      -VSO Support Committee

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

   A. Web-site

8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES - NOVEMBER 2, 1998, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1804.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Cheryl Cook and Arch Wilson were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 5 MEETING: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. REPORTS:

A. Secretary: Commission attendance compliance. Letters to be sent to members with compliance issues.

B. Health & Welfare Committee: No report.

C. Legislative Committee:

-AB 2737 and the Hillary Amendment that were tabled at previous meetings were requests for personal support not action items.

-Commissioner Levin reported that after attending the October 15th meeting of the American Legion War Memorial Commission he left with a feeling that they were stalled in any action on future plans of the building. Our previous letter was tabled to oblivion. C. Levin will draft a letter sent directly to the Mayor and the Bd. of Supervisors expressing concern over the lack of direction and account ability by the ALWMC. The letter will be at the next meeting for approval.

-Attorney Snodgrass will look into compliance issues involving the sunshine law and the ALWMC meetings.

-Report by C. Grube on the desirability of a program to address emergency needs of San Francisco Veterans was presented for review by members. Comments were tabled until the next meeting. Commission applauded the efforts of C. Grube.

-C. Lineberger expressed a serious concern over the leadership and management of cemetaries at both the Persidio and Golden Gate. He will do more reserch and report at the next meeting.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Web-site issue was closed. We are "tagged" on the City web-site and will hard copy any correspondance.

9. NEW BUSINESS: C. Levin will investigate the possibility of adding the Pavilion of American Flags to future plans at the Civic Center. The Commission agreed that this was and continues to be of great historical significance.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: C. Champange asked that all the commissioners participate in the annual San Francisco Veteran's Parade on Sunday, November 8, 1998. The parade honors the men and women of WWI who fought and died in that war.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1940 Hrs.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 7, 1998 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary- Compliance regarding attendance.

   B. Health and Welfare Committee

   C. Legislative Committee:
      -Letter to Mayor, Bd. of Supes. in reference to American Legion War Memorial Commission.
      -Questions about ALWMC compliance with "Sunshine Laws".
      -Response to Commissioner Grube's report on "emergency needs of San Francisco Veterans".
      -Commissioner Lineberger report on reserch regarding the state of affairs of the cemetaries at the Persidio and Golden Gate.
      -Commissioner Levin report on the Pavilion of Flags.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON JANUARY 4, 1999 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING. (No quorum 12/7/98 meeting.)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REPORTS

   A. Secretary- Compliance regarding attendance.

   B. Health and Welfare Committee

   C. Legislative Committee:
      -Letter to Mayor, Bd. of Supes. in reference to American Legion War Memorial Commission.
      -Questions about ALWMC compliance with "Sunshine Laws".
      -Response to Commissioner Grube's report on "emergency needs of San Francisco Veterans".
      -Commissioner Lineberger report on reserch regarding the state of affairs of the cemetaries at the Persidio and Golden Gate.
      -Commissioner Levin report on the Pavilion of Flags.
      -Letter to Leland Yee.
      -Donations for signs for Veteran's Blvd.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS- (Commission election committee for 1999 officers)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES - JANUARY 4, 1999, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1807.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champangne, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Charles Coolidge, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, Patsy Wilson, and a quorum was present. Attorney John Kennedy, Arch Wilson and Cheryl Cook were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, MEETING. The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Cook VSO commented on State Veterans Memorial ceremonies.

7. REPORTS:

A.-Secretary: Send letter from President to Board of Supervisors commending exsisting members.
-Call Secretary of Bd. to get update of members.
-Maceo May has had medical problems and he hopes to be back in February.

B.-Health and Welfare Report: No Report

C.-Letter to Mayor and Bb. of Supes. in reference to ALWMC, tabled for rewrite.
-Report on ALWMC stated that the "Sunshine Ordinances" do not apply because it is a "Trust" under the City charter and remains outside these laws.
-Agreed in principal to C. Grube's Veteran's Emergency Needs Fund. Formed committe (C. Grube, C.Raswyck & C. Gibbs) to investgate implementation.
-C. Line berger will invite cemetary director to make a presentation on the "state" of the cemeteries.
-Report on "Pavilion of Flags tabled.
-Request for agenda action item on letter to Supe. Yee on the possibility of free admission for disabled veterans at public museums.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS: C. Levin requested donations to pay the $700.00 fee for the Veteran's Blvd. sign.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1930.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 1, 1999 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary- Compliance Report
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Committee
     - -Letter to Mayor and Board of Supervisors about ALWMC.
     - -Update on C. Grube's Emergency Fund proposal.
     - -Update on C. Lineberger's cemetary report.
     - -Letter to Supervisor Yee on free access for veteran's at museums.
     - -Report from C. De La Cruz on the War Memorial Trustee's Meeting.
     - -Issue of the request from the Marine's Proposed Manuevers at the Persidio.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Letter to Iowa Group reasseting support.
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1804.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champangne, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass was also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 4, MEETING: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. REPORTS:

A.-Secretary: New membership of commission from City Clerk.
-Letters for members to be reinstated by Rules Committee signed by President.
-Yearly report for next meeting.

B.-Health & Welfare Committee: C. Levin repoted on the new information on "Gulf-War Syndrome".

C.-Letter to Supervisors regarding ALWMC ammended and sent.
-"Emergency Vet's Fund" proposal tabled as more information is gathered.
-C. Lineberger is continuing to try and get the Cemetary Director to attend a meeting of the commission. Tabled.
-Continuing to reserch the concept of free admission to public museums for disabled Veterans.
-C. De La Cruz gave a report on the War Memorial Trustee Meeting 01/07/99. Meeting was about feasibilty studies on Bonds to retrofit building and how to pay them. C. De La Cruz asked for minutes and now minutes are recieved upon demand. Commission will follow developements of future meetings.
- Discussion of Maries failed attempt to do manuevers in the Persidio.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: -Letter of reasserting support for the Iowa battleship sent.

9. NEW BUSINESS: -C. De La Cruz gave a report on meeting new State Secretary of Veteran Affairs and his pro-active ideas. Will send a letter of invitation from the commission to address it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: - Invitation to attend the annual "4 Chaplins Service at Saint Mary's 02/06/99.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1932.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON MARCH 1, 1999 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. REPORTS
   A. Secretary- On vacation will have yearly report ready for April meeting.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee
   C. Legislative Committee
      -Update on C. Grube's Emergency Fund proposal.
      -Update on free admission to public museums for disabled Veterans.
      -Update on War Memorial Building's status.
      -Update or the possibility of a status report by the director of the National Cemeteries. C. Lineberger will report.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1805.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champange, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, George Gibbs, Edwin Wikerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Commander Benfield, Cheryl Cook, Robert Knapp, Dale Pellagrino, and Bill Watson were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 1, MEETING. The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Cook of the SFCVSO asked to make a presentation at the April meeting about the State Training Conference May 24.

7. REPORTS:
   A. Secratary- No report.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee: No report.
   C. Legislative Committee-
      -C. Grube's Emergency Fund proposal tabled.
      -Free admission to museums for disabled Veteran's tabled.
      -Presentation by members of the ALWMC about the status of the WM Building.
      -The Director of National Cemeteries at the Persidio and San Bruno will speak at the April Meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of Medal of Honor for Rosa Parks.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1928.

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February 17, 1999

Dear fellow commissioners,

You may or may not know that I won a free trip to Hawaii. I will miss the March 1st meeting. Commissioner Cauley volunteered to take the minutes. I will have the annual report ready for your review at the April 5th, meeting. I have been playing phone tag with the new secretary of the Bd. of Supes. Rules Committee. I will update Commissioner De La Cruz on any information I get from her.

Mahalo and Aloha,

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 5, 1999 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Presentation by the Director of Cemeteries at Persidio&San Bruno.
6. REPORTS
   A. Secretary- Review of draft for yearly report.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee- No Report.
   C. Legislative Committee-
      -Cheryl Cook will present information on the CACVSO Spring Training Conf. that will be held at the Marine's Memorial on May, 24.
      -C. De La Cruz will address the Commission on the status of legislation.
      -Status of the WM Building.
      -Status of the Emergency Funds for Veterans Proposal.
      -Status of free admission to museums for disabled Veterans.
      -Update on the Medal of Honor for Rosa Parks question.
      -C. Levin's update
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS
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MINUTES - APRIL 5, 1999, MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1810.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, George Gibbs, C.J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, Patsy Wilson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Cheryl Cook, Zoe Dunning, Gloria Gamez, David Porter, Arthur Toganazzini, were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 1, MEETING: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms.Gloria Gamez, Director of the Golden Gate National Cemetery, at San Bruno and the Persidio, gave a presentation on the status of National Cemeteries at the State and National level. Ms. Gamez stated that while there were funding problems in 1998 there is a renewed funding for 1999. She also gave out informaion on updates on Veteran's Burial Rights and the construction of the new National Cemeteries. The Commission also viewed a video on all of the above.

7. REPORTS:

A. Secretary- Presented draft to Commission for additions and deletions for approval at the next meeting.

B. Health and Welfare Committee- No report.

C. Legislative Committee- Cherly Cook announced that the CACVSO's State meeting will be at the Marine's Memorial Building in San Francisco, the week of May 24th. On Tuesday May 24th, at 7:00PM there will be a round table legislative meeting and Ms. Cook urged members to attend to get up tp date on pending and future legislation.

-C. De La Cruz updated the commission on Veteran's preference laws. C. Wilkerson also stated that the 24 hour "heads-up" for Veterans still applies. C. De La Cruz also stated that we will be getting more info about the pending State and Federal legislation in the future.

-No new update on the WM building.

-Veteran's Emergency Fund tabled.

-Status of Free admission for disabled Veterans to city museums. Tabled.

-Report on the suggestion of support for Rosa Parks to receive the Medal of Honor was tabled by the Board of Supervisors. There was general agreement that while Ms. Parks efforts as a civilian civil rights pioneer is a milestone in history, the Medal of Honor should be only awarded to the Veterans of Wars.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: C. O'Mara revisited the Commission's access to the Web and E-Mail address. C. O'Mara made herself available to assist all commissioners in using this form of communication.

9. NEW BUSINESS: C. Wilkerson announced that EDD will be having a job fair on April 20, 1999 at Fort Mason in SF, from 9:00AM until 3:00PM.
C. De La Cruz invited members of the commission to participate in the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Persidio National Cemeterey on May 31, 1999. He will bring more info to the May 3, 1999 meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 1755.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON MAY 3, 1999 AT ROOM 104, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. REPORTS
   A. Secretary- Approval of yearly report to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee-
   C. Legislative Committee-
      -Pending legislation report-
      -WM Building update-
      -Free disabled Veteran addmission-
      -Update on the Memorial Day ceremonies
      -C. Levin update
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS- Due to a large event scheduled on Monday, June 7th, we will have to reschedule our June meeting. Commissioners are asked to have an alternate date in mind. (Perhaps Tuesday the 8th etc.)
10. ADJOURNMENT

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ROLL CALL FOR THE MAY 3, MEETING
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NO QUORUM

1. Glenn "Raz" Raswyck
2. Veronika Cauley
3. Renie Champagne
4. Jim Lineberger
5. Wallace Levin
6. C.J. O'Mara
7. Attourney Wayne Snodgrass

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April 9, 1999

Dear Senators Boxer and Feinstein,
Bay Area Congresspeople Pelosi, Lantos, Tauscher, Woolsey, Campbell, and Condit,
the Entire California Delegation,

I am writing to express my full support of bringing the historic battleship, U.S.S. IOWA, to the San Francisco waterfront.

San Francisco provides an excellent site for IOWA, whether the ship is in reserve status or donation status. With excellent ship repair capabilities and an annual visitor base of 16 million, the City by the Bay offers a highly-visible, secure and versatile homeport, in an extraordinary setting that is second to none. Moreover, the Bay Area community remains united in special ways to our waterfront, appreciative of our rich maritime heritage, as shown year after year during Fleet Week in the month of October as well as throughout the year, when the sea services come to visit.

San Francisco presents a fitting locale where the Navy legacy can be effectively conveyed to future generations. IOWA's educational value would be maximized and nationally recognized. Its potential use as an emergency command and control center in the event of crisis will make her a community resource of unprecedented value and impact to the Bay Area. The Bay Area and the Navy have a relationship that dates back over 150 years, and we look forward to that day when IOWA becomes the first memorial of her kind on the Pacific Coast, a tribute to those who served and died in defense of our nation's freedom both in war and in peacetime.

The Port of San Francisco has identified several appropriate berthing locations for IOWA and have informed Congress of cost requirements. I endorse the enactment of the 1999 Defense Authorization Bill which expresses, "It is the sense of Congress that the U.S.S. Iowa should be homeported in San Francisco." I ask that the relocation of this great ship to San Francisco be given the highest consideration in this year's Congressional appropriations activities, so that IOWA can be placed in San Francisco Bay by the Year 2000.

Sincerely,

Willie Lewis Brown, Jr.
Mayor of San Francisco

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Willie Lewis Brown Jr.
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Brown:

As you Know the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission strongly supports home porting the U. S. Iowa in San Francisco. The project promises jobs, income to the city and an alternate emergency operations center which is earth quake proof.

It has come to our attention that the project has reached a time sensitive point in gaining the federal funding support necessary. Senator Boxer and Feinstein and the entire bay area Congressional Delegation is prepared to sponsor legislation to gain $4 million to finance this project.

The Veterans Affairs Commission understands that the urgency stems from the fact that the ship must be moved this year while the Panama Cannel is under United States control. When the cannel changes over the operation will cost much more and may require transiting around South America due to the fact that the ship is over size for transit. The over size problem will be wavered while the U. S. is in control.

The delay in advancing the legislation is believed to be due to lack of additional visible support from you.

Your immediate endorsement of this worthy project is respectively recommended. Proposed content of your letters to the above mentioned senators and the entire bay area Congressional Delegation is enclosed for your consideration.

Regards

Original Signed By
Edwin A. Wilkerson
President
Veterans Affairs Commission

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Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco

BARBARA KAUFMAN
Member

April 15, 1999

Edwin Wilkerson
Veterans' Affairs Commission
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room #123
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

Thank you for writing to me about the long-standing mutiny convictions of the 50 African American sailors at Port Chicago. I agree that this is shameful and I support efforts to exonerate these men.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 12, 1999, I introduced a resolution urging President Clinton and the United States Congress to clear the conviction records of these men. A copy of this resolution is enclosed.

I commend your efforts on behalf of the 50 sailors. If I can be of any assistance on this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to ask.

With every good wish,

Barbara Kaufman

Enclosure.

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URGING PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON AND THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXONERATE THE 50 AFRICAN AMERICAN SAILORS CONVICTED OF MUTINY IN THE PORT CHICAGO DISASTER.

Whereas, On the night of July 17, 1944, two ships in Port Chicago loaded with 10,000 tons of ammunition exploded in the worst home front accident of World War II, killing 320 servicemen; and

Whereas, The loading of munitions, such as those that exploded at Port Chicago, was a hazardous duty assigned primarily to black sailors; and

Whereas, Congress ordered that the families of black victims receive a lower death benefit than white families; and

Whereas, 258 men protested safety conditions and refused to return to work and, subsequently, 50 black sailors were court-martialed for mutiny; and

Whereas, Freddie Meeks, who was convicted of mutiny and spent 1 ½ years in prison, is the last remaining survivor of the Port Chicago Mutiny; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors urges President William Jefferson Clinton and the members of the United States Congress to exonerate the 50 African American sailors convicted of mutiny in the Port Chicago disaster.

Supervisor Kaufman

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August 4, 1998

Barbara Kaufman
President Board of Supervisors
City and County of SanFrancisco
Veterans Building
401 Van Ness Avenue Room 306
San Francisco, CA 94102-4532

Dear President Kaufman:

At our last meeting a motion was made by Commissioner Wallace Levin and supported by the Veterans Affairs Commission, to urge the Board of Supervisors to support the renewed efforts to clear the names of 50 African American sailors convicted of mutiny. They had refused to return to duty until safety procedures were improved after the July 17, 1944, explosion that destroyed two munitions ships. The blast at the Port Chicago, California Naval Base, killed 320 servicemen. More than two-third of them were African Americans. They were assigned the hazardous duty of loading and unloading explosives, but were never properly trained or supervised.

The California State Legislature has already passed a resolution, sponsored by Los Angeles Assemblyman Roderick Wright, calling upon Congress and the White House to take action to clear the 50 sailors of the mutiny charges.

Thirty-nine members of Congress, led by U.S. Representative George Miller, D-Martinez, are once again calling on President Clinton to clear the sailors records.

The Veterans Affairs Commission feels that after 55 years it is time to bring Justice to these African American Veterans. Strongly request the Board of Supervisors take whatever action you deem necessary to urge Congress and the White House to take action to clear the 50 sailors of the mutiny charges.

Sincerely,

Edwin A. Wilkerson
President

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON JUNE 8, 1999 AT ROOM 216, 6:00PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5th MEETING.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. REPORTS
   A. Secretary- Report on the reinstatement of commission members and update on status of other members.
      - Approval of yearly report.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee-
   C. Legislative Committee-
      -Pending legislative report
      -C. Levin update
      -WM Building update
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS-Question of summer vacations and how it will effect meetings in July and August.
10. ADJOURNMENT

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- C. De La Cruz announced that the AMVETS had donated a wheelchair van to Ft. Miley VA Hospital.
- President Wilkerson announced the date of the Veteran Employment Committee Meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1749.

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Minutes - June 8, 1999, Meeting of the Commission, Room 216
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1810.

2. ROLL CALL: Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grubb, Wallace Levin, Maceo May, C.J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, Patsy Wilson and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, and Cheryl Cook were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5, MEETING: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Cheryl Cook from the SFCVSO, reported on the CVSO annual meeting. Commended Commissioner De La Cruz for a moving Memorial Day Service, and also commented on the opening of the Swords to Plowshares Veteran's Academy ground breaking ceremony.

7. REPORTS:
   A. Secretary- Presented reported that Leonard Grube, Charles Coolidge, Maceo May, and Robert De La Cruz, were reappointed to there seats.
      - Yearly report for 1998, as ammended, was unanimously approved with a hand vote.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee- C. May reported on the Swords to Plowshares Veteran's Academy ground breaking Ceremony and the hopes and plans for the future of a very promising program.
   C. Legislative Committee- Report on state of the Northern California Cemetary concerns of a lack of available sites by C. De La Cruz.
      - Consideration of any and all pending state legislation by the State of California.
      - C. Levin asked that a reaffirmation of the of the 1992 Anti- Discrimination Resoltion be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the commission.
      -C. Levin updated the commission on the VWM Building.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Update by C. O'Mara on the access to the internet for the Commissioners.

9. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on the planned increase in matching funds for CDVA "homeless programs".
-Discussion on communication with other Veteran's Affairs Commissions state-wide.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcement of American Legion, Alexander Hamilton Post 448, who will host a spaghetti dinner on August 28th, at 6:00PM, in room 202 in the WM Building.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON AUGUST 2, 1999, AT ROOM 104.
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8th MEETING
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary- Submission of yearly report for signing.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee-
   - C. Legislative Committee-
     - -Action on a reaffirmation of the 1992 Anti-Discrimination Resolution.
     - -Action on pending California Veteran's Legislation.
     - -C. Levin update.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - -Update on other Veteran Affairs Commissions
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

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REPORT FOR 1998

JANUARY
-Attended Hearing on Homeless Veterans
-Dr. Robet Owen (Enviormental Health Physician) addressed Commission about the Veteran's Administrations reorganization.

FEBRUARY
-VCSO, Ms. Sheryl Cook gave a report on SB 1428 and "sub-vention funds".

MARCH
-Sent letter to Board of Supervisors reccommendeing support for SB 1428.
-Commissioner Levine reported that the Board of Supervisors had named a street Veterans Boulevard. It will be from Park Persidio at Lake Street, through the MacArthur Tunnel, becoming part of Highway One, and ending at the National Cemetery at Doyle Drive.

APRIL
-Commissioner Gibbs and City Attorney Kennedy discussed what if any help the Commission could give in assisting disabled Veteran's to obtain vending permits. The commission was advised that the process for anyone to obtain these permits were tied up in litigation.

JUNE
-Changed the Commission By-Laws in regards to attendance to read " that any member missing five (5) meetings in a calendar year will abdicate his or her seat.
-The Commission raised serious concerns about the future of the War Memorial Building, especially as far as the use of Veteran's Service Organizations.

AUGUST
-Mr. Alan McKean from the USS Hornet Museum thanked the Commission for it's support.

SEPTEMBER
-Commission continued to educate itself on the management of the War Memorial Building. Started to attend the War Memmorial Trustee's Meetings and found more information on the American Legion's War Memorial Commission and it's functions.

OCTOBER
-A letter was sent in support of a flag pole to be placed in the War Memorial Court to the American Legion War Memorial Commission.

NOVEMBER
-Commissioner Champagne, chairman of the San Francisco Veteran's Day Parade, and other commissioners attended the parade on November 8, 1999.

DECEMBER
-The Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square made a presentation asking for our continued support for bringing the battleship Iowa to San Francisco.

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Disability Access

Both the Commission room (Room 104), and the entrance to the war Memorial Building are wheel chair accessible. The closet BART Station is Civic Center, four blocks from the Veterans' building. Accessible MUNI lines servicing this location are: #42 Downtown Loop, the #71 Haight/Noriega and the "F" line to Market and VanNess, and the METRO stations at Van Ness and Market, and Civic Center. For more information about MUNI accessible services , call **923-6142.**

There is accessible parking in the vicinity of the Veterans' Building adjacent to Davies Hall and the War memorial Complex

Assitive listening devices area available for use in the Meeting Room. A device can be borrowed, but must be obtained before 5:00p.m. Borrower identification is required and must be held by Room #308 Staff.

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- For a large print copy of an agenda, contact Moe Vasquez at **554-4909**

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MINUTES - AUGUST 2, 1999, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1809.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Maceo May, C. J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass was also present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8th, MEETING: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. REPORTS:

A. Secretary-Reported that the 1998 Yearly report would be sent to the President for signing and mailing.

B. Health and Welfare Report-C. May reported that the Federal matching funds for the State Homeless funds were in question and how it would affect Mckinney and HUD funds.
-C. Cauley expressed concern over the cancellation of food vouchers for HIV positive patients at the VA. C. Cauley also questioned the quality of food at the cafeteria.

C. Legislative Committee- No report on pending legislation.
-Commission reaffirmed the 1992 Anti-Discrimination Resolution with a unanimous hand vote. The resolution read, "the City and County of San Francisco Veteran's Affairs Commission affirms our position in support of the right of all Americans to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and that service should be free of bigotry, prejudice, and discrimination of all kinds".

D. Web Site Report- Commission agreed that C. O'Mara would give a report of new information from the Web-Site.

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Question on reserch on other Veteran Affairs Commissions.

8. NEW BUSINESS: C. Levin presented a new proposal for a plaque for the War Memorial Court by the Military Order of the Pruple Heart Woodrow Wilson Chapter No. 15, San Francisco.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
-President Wilkerson announced that the old Fort Mason Officers Club through a club member could reserve the club for certain events.
-C. Coolidge was named Post Commander of the Alexander Hamilton Post 448, of the American Legion and that they are hosting a spagetti dinner on August 28th in Room 202 at 6:00PM.

10. ADJOURMNET: 1930 HRS.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1999, AT ROOM 104

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2nd. MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Special guest, Mr. Barry Telford, Branch Head, Department of Housing and Aged Care, Department of Veteran Affairs of Austrailia.
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary
   - B. Health & Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Committee
     - -Letter of support for plaque for War Memorial Court
     - -Action on pending Veteran's Legislation
     - -C. Levin up-date
   - D. Web Site Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MINUTES - September 13, 1999, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104
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1.	CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order at 1809.
2.	ROLL CALL:	Veronika Cauley, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, C. J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, Patsy Wison, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Cheryl Cook, Chris Puckey, and Barry Telford were also present.
3.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:	All.
4.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA:	The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.
5.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2ND MEETING:	The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.
6.	PUBLIC COMMENT:	The commission was given a presentation by Mr. Chris Puckey, Senior Director of Strategic Review and Coordination, and Mr. Barry Telford, Branch Head of Housing and Aged Care, of the Austrailian Commonwealth of Veterans' Affairs. There was a stimulating and educational question and answer session after the presentation.
7.	REPORTS:	A. Secratary- None B. Health and Welfare - None C. Legislative- C. Levin asked that a vote of support for the San Francisco Veterans' Parade be put on the agenda for the next meeting. D. Web-site - As noted by our contact with our guests from Austrailia the web-site is active and productive
8.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS:	None.
9.	NEW BUSINESS:	None.
10.	ANNOUNCEMENTS:	None.
11.	ADJOURNMENT:	1945 Hrs.

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Commission on the Status of Women
25 Van Ness, Room 130, San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 252-2570 FAX (415) 252-2575

Sonia Melara, Executive Director

Memo

Date: June 28, 1999

To: Anna Litico, Veteran's Affairs Commission

From: San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Appointment Data

We are compiling information for our 1999 report. Please provide us with the names of all your Commission/Committee members, as well as noting the president and vice president and end of term dates. In addition, to the extent possible, we would like any information regarding demographic information such as gender, race/ethnicity, and sexual orientation. Please forward this information by Friday July 2, 1999. If you have any questions please call Carol Sacco at 252-2570.

Attached (to follow in the mail) you will find our newly published Road to Leadership - How to get that Appointment. Please check the information about your Commission/Committee and let us know of any updates.

Please respond **by July 2, 1999**. FAX (415) 252-2575.

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	NAME	END OF TERM	GENDER	RACE/ETHNICITY	SEXUAL ORIENTATION
	CAULEY, Veronika	01/31/01			
	CHAMPANGE, Renie J.	01/31/02			
	COOLIDGE, Charles K. Jr.	01/31/03			
V.Pres.	DE LA CRUZ, Bob	01/31/03			
	GIBBS, George	01/31/00			
	GRUBE, Leonard	01/31/03			
	LEVIN, Wallace	01/31/00			
	LINEBERGER, Jim	01/31/03			
	MAY, Maceo	01/31/03			
	O'MARA, C. J.	01/31/03			
	RASWYCK, Glenn	01/31/00			
Pres.	WILKERSON, Edwin A.	01/31/02			
	WILSON, Patsy	01/31/01			

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 4, 1999, AT ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13th MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary - Response to memo from the Commission on the Status of Women.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee -
   - C. Legislative Committee - Letter of support for more funds for the San Francisco Veterans' Parade.
     - Action on pending Veterans' Legislation
     - C. Levin update.
   - D. Web-site Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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MINUTES - October 4, 1999, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1819 Hrs.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champange, Bob De La Cruz, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Maceo May, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass was also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. REPORTS:

Secretary- Response to the requests for demographics from the Commission on the Status of Women was addressed. The V. A. Commission voted unanimously with a hand vote that the response would be a letter stating that the commission was made up of 15 members of which, dictated by our charter, 3 members are women. A letter from the C. President will be sent to the CSOF stating that information.

Health and Welfare Committee- C. May reported on the breaking of ground by Swords to Plowshares Treasure Island Residential Program. C. May discussed the East Bay Veterans' Stand-down, with both pro and con views of the effectiveness of these type efforts when compared to the outlay of resourses. He also discussed the cuts in the Homeless Funds in the present budget negotiationsat the Federal level and how it threatens exsisting Veterans' Homeless Programs.

Legislative Committee- With a unanimous hand vote the Commission agreed to have the President and C. Levin write and send a letter to the Arts Commission Grants Program to increase the monies for the Veterans' Day Parade and the Mayors' Memorial Day Observances. The letter will reflect the uniqueness of these events and ask if the Veterans' Community can get a "special" consideration in the area of matching funds.

Web-site- Tabled due to illness of Web-Master.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS: The Veterans' Affairs Commission 2000 Officer's Nominating Committee was set up and it will consist of Jim Lineberger, Maceo May, and Wallace Levin.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: C. Renie Champange announced that the Veterans" Day Parade will be on Sunday, November 7th, 1999 and all the Commission are invited to participate

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1940 Hrs.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1, 1999, AT ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4th MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary- Reminder to the members who need to start process to renew Commission membership.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee-
   - C. Legislative Committee- Action on pending Veterans' Legislation.
   - D. Web-Site Report
   - E. Officer's Nominating Committee-
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

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We need you to come at least once a week, on any day, at any time, for a couple of hours, and be seen with your hat on throughout the building. You are welcome to come everyday, and stay all day, if you want to.
We need to be seen in much larger numbers with our hats on using the building. You can catch the bus to and from the building. If you need help, we hope to put together a shuttle of drivers and cars to pick you up and take you back home. We need volunteer drivers, we need cars, we need gas money, we need food money, we need each other. We need volunteers to operate the hospitality room and sit in our post office for an hour or so. Please call or write answering the following questions;

a. Can you visit the Veterans Building hospitality room at least once a week and take a walk around the building with your hat on?

b. When you come, can you spend an hour or two in our office watching the place? It's very easy work.

c. Can you provide a car to transport veterans?

d. Will you donate a little money to this effort? Will you send it now?

Please call or write now. We must get this started, and make it succeed. We need your ideas and commitment. Jim Griffin's number is (415) 861 4920.

When each Legionaire and veteran makes this trip once a week to the Veterans Building, wearing a veteran's hat, relaxing in the hospitality room, taking walks around the hallways on every floor, we will be seen in large enough numbers that everyone will know we are in our building, we are using our building, and we are going to keep our building. This is war.

Drive in your car, come on the bus, come with your cane, come in your wheelchair, come with your oxygen, drive in from out of town, fly in from out of st ate, come wearing your hat, come to be seen, come to occupy our building, come and help win this battle. Do your weekly pilgrimage to the Veterans Buidling.

If you have not already done so, even if you don't use the medical care provided at Fort Miley Veterans Hospital, you should sign up as a patient so you will be counted in the allocation of funds to that facility.

Yours for all veterans,
Leno Zamacona, Adjutant

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Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 144
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 123
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Leno Zamacona, Adjutant

Veterans Alert

June 15, 1998

Dear Disabled American Veteran,

We want to save our War Memorial Veterans Building for the veterans. There are powerful groups who would like to move us out. We need your help! We want to bring all Legionaires, veterans and veterans programs and activities together in one place, in the Veterans B uilding. We need all four floors of our building to provide better care and convenience to all the veterans in San Francisco. We must always try to serve the veterans better.

Presently, city government is using the 3rd and 4th floors of the Veterans Building, and are expected to move out on or about December 31, 1998. The Art Museum has already moved into a new building of its own. Although the Art Museum retains its longterm claim to space in the Veterans Building if it should ever need it, it is unlikely that it will ever return. This is our first chance to use all four floors for the veterans of San Francisco and secure our permanent status in the building, if we act now.

People in the city government, who are there five days a week, from early to late, say that they never see any Legionaires and veterans in the building. Actually, there are Legionaires and veterans in the building, but they aren't wearing their hats. We must immediately correct this. Here is our plan and how you can help. How you must help. It's the duty of everyone of us to help. We owe it to all veterans. We have to stick together.

Beginning July 7th, 1998, from 10:00 a.m to about 4:00 p.m., every work day, five days a week, we will have a hospitality room on the 2nd floor, Room 215, in the Veterans Building, with coffee, sandwiches, and other goodies for Legionaires and all veterans, to come and spend a couple of hours visiting and relaxing, and roaming throughout the Veterans Building, with hats on, visiting meetings and events, being seen by as many people in the building as possible. From about 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., we will have a briefing and discussion of global events, for veterans and guests from the courts and surrounding public offices.

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WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 101
San Francisco, California 94102
(415) 621 8071

July 6th, 1998

To: American Legionnaires and Veterans

Subj: Plan for veterans use of entire War Memorial Veterans Building

The War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees is considering a new plan for the use of the War Memorial Veterans Building. The American Legion and Veterans have been invited, along with about fifteen cultural groups, to present their requests for space in the building. This is a veterans response to that invitation.

Among the numerous documents which purport to interpret the trust documents which set forth the rights of the veterans and the Museum of Art in the veterans building, the most recent intrepretation by the City Attorney's Office states that the veterans are entitled to as much space in the War Memorial Veterans Building "as they can use."

The Museum of Art has moved to its new building across the street from Moscone Center, and as a practical matter, will never be returning to the War Memorial Veterans Building, although it has stated that it reserves the right to the use of space in the building if it should ever need to. The City Administration is due to move out of the 3rd and 4th floors on or about December 31, 1998, which will leave those two floors up for grabs. That is why the Board of Trustees has invited requests for space in the building beginning on or about December 31, 1998. However, numerous groups are offering plans for revamping the use of the entire building.

Assuming the veterans are entitled to, and can obtain occupancy of, all the space they can reasonably justify a need for, the attached plan for what is momentarily being referred to as THE WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUMS AND PEACE CENTER is presented as something to be consider by the veterans as a use of <u>the entire building.</u>

This proposal would not in anyway change the set up of the WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION, would not change its authority over or responsibility for the allocation of space in the building. THE WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUMS AND PEACE CENTER would be completely under the WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION, and consist of all the veterans groups and programs, and several cultural groups such as specific museums, libraries, and other exhibitions, which together (over)

would be the overall veterans plan and it would occupy the entire War Memorial Veterans Building. The whole collection of programs, exhibits, libraries, museums and groups would be the veterans program in and for the building.

This is a time and circumstance when bold thinking is needed by the Legionnaires and Veterans. When you consider all the wonderful things said in the American Legion Pledge, it makes you realize how broad is the Legionnaires' commitment to the world. The attached proposal does something to keep more of the pledges in the American Legion Pledge.

The way the American Legion and other veterans groups are set up in our society, our purpose is much broader than just lobbying for the benefit of the veterans, as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans, and other veterans groups have done so well. We also are committed to working for the general welfare of society, at the local, state, national and international levels. This concept of working for the general good can take many forms and shapes, and have association with many types of groups. The attached proposal goes beyond the traditional practice, but stays within the proper scope, and that is what we should do, and have to do now.

We would have the entire War Memorial Veterans Building, within which there would be this diverse veterans program, consisting of the San Francisco veterans groups and programs, accompanied by the cultural museums, libraries, and other exhibitions, all under the auspices of the veterans. Within this mix of veterans activities and cultural exhibitions, would be a new dimension to the veterans program, the Peace Center. This Peace Center would make use of the unique veterans experience to better understand the causes of war, how to avoid war, how to maintain peace. The Peace Center would consist of veterans, scholars, students, teachers, and citizens engaged in a daily examination and discussion of the global forces which can be managed toward peace and prosperity and away from war, and from this, an input from the veterans' experience to political decision makers. It is relevant to observe that thus far, without an input from the veterans' experience, diplomacy has always failed and war has been the result. Greater involvement of the veterans may not ultimately prevent war, but it won't do any harm. It would be neither a Marxist peace, nor a Bismarckian peace, but a peace based respect for human rights, and on fairness and world law.

This may all seem too different, too much, too difficult. But in San Francisco the veterans program needs revamping. Let's keep our mind open and discuss it.

Thanks. LeRue Grim, SF Naval Shipyard Post, Commander

Among the cultural groups which have already expressed interest in space in the War Memorial Veterans Building, there appear to be some whose exhibitions could be juxtaposed with each other, supplemented by the juxtaposition of materials of other groups who have not asked for space in the building, that would create the virtual reality of this unique veterans institution.

The Herbst Theatre and Green Room would be used for performances and events which appropriately serve the larger institution and generate funds.

IV

The Theme and Message of the Museum and Peace Center

Peace is the only condition in which the human family can reach its potential with all deliberate speed. The value of peace is taken for granted, the fragility of peace is unappreciated. Whether it is one person assaulting another, an ethnic group cleaning a country of another, a country invading another, violence must be prevented. It is the joint responsibility of all nations to police the world. Violations of human rights in any nation is the business of all people.

Active in the peace center will be knowledgeable, concerned citizens and veterans, acting as a minature "department of state," tracking daily global events, evaluating, bringing the experience and concerns of the veterans and citizens to the global tensions of the moment, describing options, proposing choices, educating the public, working from the unique veterans' experience to make a peaceful world.

There would be programs, lectures, videos, and other modes to inform citizens, youth, scholars, politicians, labor members, business, and all members of our community on these matters. The Museums' programs would be coordinated with the schools, local groups, unions and business groups to reach out with its theme and message. The Museums would have a trained staff, including veterans, to administer its programs and convey its message. The content of the Museums would be so original and creative as to be a part of the tourist attractions in the City. The content would be in constant change to keep up with the changing world.

Because one of the benefits of peace is it provides the conditions in which humanity can best achieve the fair, just and secure society in its economic, cultural and political dimensions the WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS MUSEUMS AND PEACE CENTER program would always oppose discrimination of every kind, work to open up opportunity to all, and enhance and generously share our prosperity among all our people.

V

Funding

THE WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUMS AND PEACE CENTER would qualify for funding from foundations, veterans groups, private donations, special events, money earned from tourists, and share in the large sums to be made off of renting the new City Hall for parties, and other sources yet to be identified.

VI

Management

THE WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUMS AND PEACE CENTER would be managed by the War Memorial Commission of the American Legion Posts. Other veterans groups would be involved in the creation and operation of the institution. The various cultural exhibits would be under and part of the veterans project for the building, working in cooperation with other cultural groups. This type of cultural institution would to some extent rectify and guard against the ever present hollowness, absurdity and irrelevance of the contemporary self-proclaimed elitism operating in San Francisco in both the cultural and political arenas.

VII

Policy

THE WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUMS AND PEACE CENTER would follow a policy of cooperation with The City's interest in providing a Civic Center in which there are interesting and attractive activities and events. The American Legionnaires and veterans pledge the fullest cooperation with all parties.

VIII

Political Considerations

The American Legionnaires, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Merchant Marine Veterans, Air Force Foundation Members, The Swords to Plowshares Veterans, The Philippino Scouts, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the unaffiliated veterans, could be very helpful in securing the passage of the bond issue for retrofitting several buildings, including the War Memorial Veterans Building. If all these veteran groups endorse the initiative, work for its passage, the bond issue would likely be approved. The voters will be more likely to approve the bond issue if they know the veterans have been treated fairly.

LeRue Grim (415) 621 8071 Fac (415) 621 2129

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June 26, 1998

REMINDER
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AS WAS RECORDED IN THE JUNE 1, 1998 MINUTES, THE JULY MEETING WAS CANCELLED DO TO MANY VACATION CONFLICTS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS AUGUST 3, 1998. I WILL SEND OUT AN AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING MONDAY JULY 27, 1998. ANY ITEMS THAT YOU WISH TO BE ADDED SHOULD BE IN MY HANDS BY THAT DATE. HAVE A SAFE SUMMER.

THANKS,

GLENN "RAZ" RASWYCK
SECRETARY

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MINUTES - November 1, 1999, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1802 Hrs.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champangne, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, C. J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass was also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. REPORTS:

Secretary- Reminder to Commissioners Levin, Gibbs, and Raswyck to send in their reapplication forms to the Rules Committee oof the Bd. of Supervisors for reinstatement to Commission.
- C. Cauley brought up a question of identification for Commission members.

Health and Welfare Committee- None.

Legislative Report- None.

Web-Site Report- C. O'Mara requested that members update their E-Mail addresses and RSVP.

Officer's Nominating Committee- C. Wilkerson, C. Levin, and C. Gibbs, (in place of C. May who was out of the country), nominated the following:
-Commission President- Glenn Raswyck
-Commission Vice-President- Bob De La Cruz (who declined and was replaced by Charles Coolidge.
-Commission Secretary- Leonard Grube.
-Open nominations for offices- None.
-Final nominations and vote at Dec. meeting.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: C. Champangne reported on the Veteran's Parade.

9. NEW BUSINESS: C. Lineberger reported on Veteran's resourses with the Small Business Administration.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: C. Wilkerson reported on the VEC and the Veteran's Resourse Fair.
The battleship Iowa is coming to the Historic Ships at the Maritime Square.

ADJOURMENT: 1905 Hrs.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 1999, AT ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 1st MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT - Report from the Historic Ships at the Maritime Square.
7. REPORTS
8. A. Secretary- Reminder for members to renew Commission membership.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee-
   C. Legislative Committee- Action on pending Veteran's Legislation.
   D. Web-Site Report-
   E. Open Nomintaing and Election of Officers for 2000.

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9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES - December 1, 1999, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1815 hrs.

2. ROLL CALL: Renie Champangne, Charles Coolidge, Bob De La Cruz, George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, Maceo May, CJ O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Attorney Wayne Snodgrass and William Stephens were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 11/1/99 MEETING: The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: William Stephens from the Iowa Project for the Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square gave an update on the status of the battleship Iowa and it's planned docking in San Francisco. Many hurdles both logistic and political have been passed and all systems are go. He thanked the commission for it's support and the commission reaffirmed our continued backing of this project.

7. REPORTS:
A. Secretary- Reminder to those who need reappointment.
B. Health & Welfare Committee- C. May announced that HUD had come through with needed funds for Veteran's progams. He stressed that more needed to be done.
C. C. De La Cruz reported that the V. A. is undergoing a 30% cut in funding and some of the reorganization and distribution that have already started.
C. De La Cruz also discussed the plans for the northern area cemetery and the change in how cemeteries will be managed.
D. C.CJ O'Mara reported on the Web-Site and asked for material and participation via E-Mail.
E. Officer's Nominating Committee-
-There were no additional nominations for officers.
-Glenn Raswyck, Commission President
-Charles Coolidge, Commission Vice-President
-Leonard Grube, Secretary
-Were unanimously voted in as officers with a hand vote.

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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: -Attorney Snodgrass informed the commission that there are no special identification issued by San Francisco Commissioners.
-The San Francisco Veteran's Day Parade was deemed a success by all those who attended.

9. NEW BUSINESS: -Discussion which will be on the agenda on how the Commission can work more closely with County Service Officer.
-Discussion of the VEC Resourse Fair.

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting is January 3, 2000. John Kennedy will replace Wayne Snodgrass as commission attorney while Wayne takes care of the new addition to his family.
- Special thanks to C. Wilkerson for providing food and refreshments.

11. ADJOURMENT: 1930 Hrs.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2000, AT ROOM 104
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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1st MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary-
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee-
   - C. Legislative Committee-. Action on pending Veteran's Legislation
   - D. Web-Site Report-
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- VEC Resourse Fair and involvement. RESOURCE FAIRS
   - Commission's interaction with VCSO.
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.A.

Lt. Sidney Sommer San Francisco Post 152

Charles Oswald
President
American Legion War Memorial Commission
401 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

June 16, 1998

Dear President Oswald:

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States is the oldest Nationally Chartered by Congress veterans organization in America. Founded 103 years ago by Civil War Union Army Veterans, to fight for the rights of veterans, to remember those that died in service to their country and to combat bigotry, prejudice, discrimination and injustice of all kinds.

Since the Trust names the American Legion War Memorial Commission to represent all veterans, the Lt. Sidney Sommer San Francisco Post 152, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, requests membership in the above named Commission, as a ad hoc honorary non-voting member.

We would appreciate a reply in writing, ten days after your next meeting.

Sincerely,

Wallace Levin
Commander
401 Van Ness Av.
Room 127
San Francisco, CA
94102 982-3417

c/c
Mayor Willie Brown
Board of Supervisors
City Attorney
War Memorial Trustees
Human Rights Commission
Veterans Affairs Commission
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Disabled American Veterans
American Veterans

July 3, 1998

The Honorable Edwin A. Wilkerson
President
Veterans Affairs Commission
PO Box 7850
San Francisco, CA 94120-7850

Dear Mr. Wilkerson,

Enclosed please find a copy of Arch Wilson's letter to the War Memorial Commission of June 30, 1998. This letter represents a duly approved motion made at a regular meeting of Post 448.

I would like to have it placed on the agenda for the Commission's August meeting, to be combined with the business regarding the desecration of the space between the Opera House and the War Memorial Building which was raised by Commissioner Levin. Specifically, Mr. Wilson has asked if the VA Commission would officially endorse this idea.

It has been noted that the flag pole would preclude "tenting"!

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard M. Grube
Commissioner

Enclosure

Copy to:
Arch Wilson

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MARCH 23, 1998

DRAFT

SENT VIA U.S. MAIL
Emilio Cruz
Director of Public Transportation
San Francisco Municipal Railway
949 Presidio Avenue
San Francisco, California 94115

RE: #38 Geary Boulevard San Francisco Municipal Railway Bus Line

Dear Mr. Cruz:

As a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, I am writing concerning an issue brought to my attention by the Veterans' Affairs Commission regard the #38 Geary Boulevard bus line.

As you are aware, the bus line provides public transportation to the Veterans' Administration Hospital located in the Presidio.

The Commission proposes that the route identification of where the bus line originates and terminates be changed from "Fort Miley" to indicate "VA Hospital." This change, although relatively minor, would be of great benefit to thousands for veterans living in the City and County of San Francisco who need medical assistance, but are currently unaware of public transportation to the Veterans' Administration Hospital.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, I would be happy to provide you additional information regarding this issue, or discuss this matter with you personally if necessary. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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MINUTES - January 3, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1821 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson and a quorum was present. Cheryl Cook, VSO was also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DEC 1, 1999 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Cook, VSO for San Francisco County gave the Commissioners the new VSO address at 875 Stevenson St. Ste. 250 (at 10th), and new telephone number (415) 554-7100.

   The VSO also announced a job opening for a person in the VA's work/study program.

7. REPORTS:
   A. Remarks by new President, Comm. Raswyck about the challenge of the position, and appreciation for the leadership of Comm. Wilkerson, 1999 Pres.
   B. Reviewed members needing reappointment. All had submitted timely applications, pending Bd. Supvr. action. Noted the resignation of Comm. Patsy Wilson due to relocation.

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REPORTS (cont'd):

C. The proposed northern area cemetary at Fort Ord was discussed. A motion by Comm. Wilkerson to send a letter to the Mayor and Bd. of Supvr. was approved. Comm. Raswyck will draft the letter.

Procedural query was raised by Comm. Lineberger: The appropriateness of adding 'copy to' addressees to our official correspondence. In the absence of the scheduled Attorney (meeting time conflict), the matter will be continued.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A. The commissioners were informed that William Stephens from the Iowa Project is looking for contact with the Mayor to expedite project.

B. Comm. CJ O'Mara (not present) sent a reminder for e-mail information for updating Web site.

C. A discussion including VSO Cheryl Cook reviewed activities and participation by commission members and veteran organizations in the upcoming VEC Resource Fair.

9. NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Levin gave a brief account of the Presidential pardon given one of the several veterans of the Port Chicago fiasco. He noted that Supvr. Kaufman orginally passed a Bd. of Supvr. resolution urging action on this matter.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting will be on Monday, February 7, 2000.

11. ADJOURMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 3rd MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary - Reappointments for Commissioners George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, and Glenn Raswyck.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Committee - Action on pending Veteran's legislation.
   - D. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - -VEC Resource Fair
   - -Cosponsor agenda for Resource Fair
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MINUTES - February 7, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1807 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronica Cauley, Renee Champagne, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. A guest, Keith Boylan, Desert Storm Veteran, and City Attorney representative Wayne Snodgrass were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JAN 3, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Our visitor was acknowledged and introduced himself. There was no other public comment.

7. REPORTS:
   A. The reappointment of Commissioners Gibbs, Raswycic and Levin was discussed, pending Board of Supervisors action.
   B. The housing at Treasure Island was discussed. Haight Asbury Clinic, Catholic Charities, and other nonprofit programs are installing clients of residential programs there side by side with modest income rentals.
   C. President Raswycic furnished copies of proposed letter to Mayor supporting SB 467-Fort Ord Cemetary. The letter was approved.

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D. Commissioner Wilkerson furnished copies of the ***California Directory of Veteran Services*** by EDD and will procure additional copies as requested.

E. The USS IOWA Project Comm. Wilkerson also had copies of the Historic Ships Newletter, which credited the commission as a official supporter.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Resource Fair: No date set as yet--late this year or next.

B. Memorial Day coming. May 29 this year.

C. Website report and other Health and Welfare matters postponed pending presence of those involved.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposal made for Commissioners Levin and Champagne to draft report for Mayor and Board regarding allocation of funds for veteran activities. It is obvious, and a long held sentiment of the commission that such functions are not properly a mere device to draw tourist dollars to the city. The sense of the commission is that, wrongly, this is the sole criteria now used in distributing such funds.

B. There is a local committee, we were informed, of the State Commission on Workforce Investment, to which the mayor is entitled to appoint members. Commissioners Levin and Champagne will explore this matter for the commission.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting will be on Monday, March 6, 2000.

11. ADJOURMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MARCH 6, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 7TH MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary - Reappointments for Commissioners George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, and Glenn Raswyck: Commissioners Gibbs and Raswyck have been reappointed. Comm. Levin will follow at the next scheduled meeting of the Bd. Supvr subcommittee.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Committee - Action on pending Veteran's legislation
     - --draft and information from Comm. Levin and Champagne on proposed letter to Mayor.
     - --NEW ITEM--: 50th Commemoration of the Korean War: role for Veterans Affairs Commission?
     - --NEW ITEM--: The VSO, Cheryl Cook, has furnished a bill summary for State Veterans' Legis. Comm. and also a **Prop. 16 Ballot Summary**. This is the **Veterans' Home Bond Act.** Included are two new retirement homes, and a treatment center for afflictions such as Alzheimer's.
   - D. Website Report
   - E. Sunshine Initiative Reports are invited from any commissioners attending the training as outlined in Mayor's letter
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - -VEC Resource Fair
   - -Cosponsor agenda for Resource Fair
9. NEW BUSINESS
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MINUTES - March 6, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1800 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronica Cauley, Renee Champagne, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, CJ O'Mara Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Cheryl Cook, Asst. VSO for San Francisco County was also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEB 7, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Cook furnished copies of the Veterans Service Office new brochure.

7. REPORTS:
   A. All pending reappointments have been made. It was noted that there is one Mayoral appointed seat reserved for a woman veteran, and one Board seat as yet unfilled. Candidates are sought.
   B. The Treasure Island project is proceeding
   C. Commissioner Levin brought a draft for a resolution listing the funding shortages for the Mayor's office veteran functions: The Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations, and other needs. A motion was made to approve the resolution which will be put into proper format and transmitted to the Mayor and Board.

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D. The USS IOWA Project Comm. Wilkerson stated that the ship is currently projected to be berthed at piers 40 and 41, much less appropriate sites for the memorial originally planned.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 50th Anniversary of the Korean War: Information concerning participation in the Defense Dept.'s planned commemoration was provided. This will be shared with other veteran organizations.

B. Memorial Day coming. May 29 this year.

C. Website report: Commissioner O'Mara is receiving lots of responses via email, as well as inquiries regarding donations and other support. There is no non-profit Friends of VAC group, it was noted.

9. NEW BUSINESS: No other new business was brought up.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2000.

11. ADJOURMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1900 hours.

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Veterans Affairs Commission
City and County of San Francisco
March 6, 2000

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS **The Veterans Affairs Commission does not receive any funds** to conduct any business: no funds for postage, stationary, phones, or any other official expenses;

WHEREAS **The Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony** receives only **one thousand dollars, $1,000** from the Grants for the Arts Fund, while, all of the other **two-hundred plus groups** receive no less than **five thousand dollars, $5,000**;

WHEREAS **The Mayor's Veterans Day Parade** receives **only nine thousand dollars, $9,000**, the **least amount** of funds given any other San Francisco parade;

WHEREAS For the past decade most of the other groups have received thousands of dollars of additional funds, but the **Memorial Day Ceremony** and the **Veterans Day Parade** funds have been **frozen** at the present level;

WHEREAS These two events, **official City and County of San Francisco functions**, are special salutes to veterans, past and present;

RESOLVED: That the **Veterans Affairs Commission urge the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors** to consider the issues above; and that the city has a duty and an obligation to properly fund these tributes;

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this form of discrimination against San Francisco's 60,000 veterans should end, and that veterans should receive their fair share of city funds.

For the Commission:

Glenn Raswyck
President

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 6TH MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   A. Secretary - No items pending.
   B. Health and Welfare Committee
   C. Legislative Committee - Action on pending Veteran's legislation.
   D. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   -VEC Resource Fair
   -Cosponsor agenda for Resource Fair
   -- 50th Commemoration of the Korean War: role for Veterans Affairs Commission?
   --Approved resolution to Mayor & Board from Comm. Levin and Champagne. Copies enclosed.
   --Other ongoing concerns from prior meeting not specifically addressed due to absence of principal commissioner(s).
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MINUTES - April 3, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 213

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1805 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronica Cauley, Renee Champagne, Charles Coolidge, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, CJ O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. Cheryl Cook, Asst. VSO for San Francisco County was also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF Mar 6, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Cook, pressed by prior commitment to leave early, had pertinent information regarding **Resource Fair.** Agenda expedited to Unfinished Business.

7. REPORTS: A. No items presented.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Resource Fair has a tentative date sometime in Summer, Fall--2001. Comm. Wilkerson moved to submit letter to Bd. Supvrs. and Mayor securing use of 401 lobby for event. Ms. Cook led dialogue discussing participants and organizing. Motion for letter approved, Pres. Raswyck to draft

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B. 50th Anniversary of the Korean War: Commerative events will be on June 25 and Monday, June 26.

9. NEW BUSINESS: A reminder to monitor response to the March 6 Resolution, and plans to assemble more detailed particulars of the fiscal needs of the Veteran Activities and place in presentable format were all discussed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: A. Kevin O'Connell will be the speaker on April 30 at the VFW meeting, room 223.

B. Next meeting will be on Monday, May 1, 2000. (NOTE: *The usual meeting room, #104, was changed for this meeting. It is not clear whether this is to be a lengthy dislocation or a one-time occurence.*)

11. ADJOURMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1920 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MAY 1, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APR 3RD MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary - No items pending.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Committee - Progress of response to the Commission's Resolution of March 6.
   - D. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - -VEC Resource Fair
   - -Cosponsor agenda for Resource Fair
   - -- 50th Commemoration of the Korean War: role for Veterans Affairs Commission?
   - --Other ongoing concerns from prior meeting not specifically addressed due to absence of principal commissioner(s)
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MINUTES - May 1, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1805 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Renee Champagne, Bob De La Cruz, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, CJ O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. City Attorney Wayne Snodgrass and Commission Applicant Elizabeth Melnick were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 3, 2000 A misspelling of a name was corrected and the minutes as corrected were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Elizabeth Melnick was introduced, but declined to to make any comment. She has been honored for her her past services, and will be greatly welcomed by the Commission when appointed.

7. REPORTS: A. President Raswyck presented the Grand Jury's report *Neglect of Reporting Requirements* , which detailed the failure of the Jury's Investigator to locate deposited minutes and records of city offices, boards, and commissions in the places designated by public law. The Veterans Affairs Commission is listed along with numerous other offices and agencies. Some confusion and indirection attended the posting of the minutes. Commissioner Grube will contact the

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librarian of the Government Documents section of SFPL, the depository required by the Jury's report, correct ommissions and procedure as possible.

B. Commissioner Wallace Levin reported the death of former commission member and celebrated veteran. Lino Zamacona. He was well known by most of the long-standing commissioners and across the community.
The rule requiring postponement of action motions to a following meeting was suspended by a unaminous vote of those present to permit a speedy message of our condolences to his widow and family.
Commissioner Levin will draft the message.

C. Legislative Committee.
Following up on the commission's Resolution of March 6, 2000, no response was reported.
Commissioner Wilkerson presented a tentative draft of detailed budget and miscellaneous costs incurred by the commission. inviting comments and discussion. This project follow's April's resolution to detail the requirements for accomplishing our goals. Comm. Wilkerson is also working on the preparations for the Resource Fair.

D. Website Report. Commissioner O'Mara invited all veteran groups and organizations to submit upcoming events and activities to her for appropriate posting.

8. New Business Action by the Secretary and the commission's response to the Grand Jury's report will follow.

9. Announcements Commissioner Champagne mentioned Commissioner Gibb's appearance on Touched by an Angel, relative to his veteran related activities.
Alexander Hamilton Post 448, American Legion will hold its annual fundraising dinner on the evening of Saturday, August 26.
A SF Veteran's meeting for Monday the 8th. and an upcoming VFW activity at the VA Hosp., Sunday, June 25 (Comm. Bob De La Cruz) were also announced.

10. Adjournment The next meeting will be on Monday, June 5, 2000. The Meeting adjourned at 1910 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON JUNE 5, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 1 MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. President. Letter in Response to Grand Jury report
   - B. Secretary - Action with Respect to Grand Jury report
   - C. Health and Welfare Committee
   - D. Legislative Committee - Progress of response to the Commission's Resolution of March 6.
   - E. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - -VEC Resource Fair
   - -Cosponsor agenda for Resource Fair
   - -- 50th Commemoration of the Korean War: role for Veterans Affairs Commission?
   - --Other ongoing concerns from prior meeting not specifically addressed due to absence of principal commissioner(s).
9. NEW BUSINESS
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MINUTES - June 5, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

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1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1804 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Bob De La Cruz, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, CJ O'Mara, Elizabeth Melnik, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, and a quorum was present. City Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, VSO Cheryl D. Cook, and Diana Oswald, a reporter from the *Independent* were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 1, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Cook, representing the county's VSO, participated generally throughout the discussions involving the funding letter and plans. Commissioners Levin and Wilkerson received valuable advice from the VSO regarding this process.

7. REPORTS:
   A. President Raswyck was authorized to respond to the Grand Jury with respect to the archiving responsibilities of the commission.
   B. Secretary reported steps taken to comply with the requirements as set out in the Grand Jury Report. It was also noted that announcements and items of interest would be better handled if the secretary were provided complete, written notes.

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C. There was no health and welfare committee report.

D. Legislative Committee. Comm. Wilkerson delivered two draft versions of a support letter, one of which was clearly preferred. We were informed that the initial publicity regarding our March 6 Resolution by the *Independent* was triggered by its discovery in the public files of the Mayor's Office.

A discussion of the Memorial Day Commemoration and past arrangements for support, (financial, volunteering, etc.) followed with some disputed details, but little relevant to the planning, or the letter under consideration.

It was disclosed that the funding for the May 2001 Memorial Day is already committed, and the outcome of the proposed letter will not immediately alter arrangements. Current support is through the Grants for the Arts Comm., which may not supply food and has other features--i.e. annual application--that are, awkward. The U.S. Army had previously provided chairs and other accommodations that may not materialize in the future.

E. Website Report. Commissioner O'Mara pressed for establishing an interactive capability on the website, and to provide support for this in the proposed letter. She also requested to be present when the approved letter was delivered.

Commissioner Levin offered a reprint of a May 29 *SF Chronicle* article describing the need for commemoration of Vietnam veterans. One of the ideas in the article was opening up the commission's website as an interactive place for San Francisco's veterans and their families. The article noted such a technique was in use in Berkeley.

F. The letter, as amended, was approved with one nay vote.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 50th Commemoration of the Korean War. A handout announcing United Nations Charter Day Celebration included in the fourth paragraph an announcement that veterans of the Korean War would be remembered by the commission on the fiftieth anniversary. Both events occur on June 26.

Other ongoing concerns were continued to future meetings.

9. NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Commissioner Lineberger thanked everyone for ...concern during his recent health event.

--Comm. Veronika Cauley is celebrating her selection as one of five local heros in KQED's occasion for Lesbian and Gay Pride Month on June 14.

--Comm. Charles Coolidge, Commander of the Alexander Hamilton Post, announced that his post had proposed a circle of roses for the commemorative space between the War Memorial Building and the Opera House.

--The passing of Jerry Bourgeois was reported.

11. ADJOURMENT After some discussion, it was decided that a quorum would be difficult to obtain over the July date. The commission's next regular meeting will be August 7, 2000, unless some unforeseen emergency prompts an earlier call.

After a moment of silence in honor of Jerry Bourgeois, the meeting was adjourned at 1948 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON AUGUST 7, 2000, AT ROOM 104

6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 1 MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. President
   - B. Secretary
   - C. Health and Welfare Committee
   - D. Legislative Committee
   - E. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - -VEC Resource Fair
   - -Cosponsor agenda for Resource Fair
   - --Other ongoing concerns from prior meeting not specifically addressed or held over
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MINUTES - August 7, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1832 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnick Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson and a quorum was present.
Also present as members of the public and guests were Michael Thompson, Ralph E. Gibson, Sr., Merylin Wong and Bill Stephens; both of the USS IOWA Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square, Cheryl D. Cook, VSO, and Mr. Wayne Snodgrass, Deputy City Attorney.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUN 5, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote. (There was no July meeting)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Prior to the meeting which had to be delayed in order to have a quorum present, Merylin Wong and Bill Stephens gave a passionate presentation of the status of the USS IOWA project.
Cheryl Cook's remarks and presentation were deferred to the place in the agenda for the relevant topics.

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7. REPORTS:

A. The structure of the Legislative Committee and composition seemed to be in need of review. The matter was placed on the agenda for our next meeting.

B. Resource Fair. This continuing item was the subject of remarks by Cheryl Cook, whosed office is a cosponsor and involved in the planning. It was observed that this is not a "Jobs Fair", but rather a Resource fair. It is also misleading to call it the VEC Resource Fair, as VEC is merely one of several cosponsors.

Service organizations: Social Security, Public Health, Library, etc. as well as other groups are invited to have representation.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lineberger raised the issue of staffing levels at Fort Miley. The item was placed on the agenda for the next meeting, along with the composition of the Legislative Committee.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congress has passed legislation authorizing a ribbon issued by the Republic of Korea in addition to the U.S. Korean Service ribbon.

The Alexander Hamilton Post will hold its annual fundraiser, a sphagetti dinner, Saturday, Aug 26, from 6 pm to ? at 401 Van Ness. Supvr. Leland Yee will speak.

10. ADJOURNMENT

To accommodate the holiday calendar, it was moved and voted to meet on Monday, September 11, 2000, 1800 hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 7 MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Secretary - Reappointments for Commissioners George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, and Glenn Raswyck.
   - B. Health and Welfare Committee
   - C. Legislative Committee - Review of the functioning and composition of the committee.
     - --Continuing business.
     - --Staffing at Fort Miley
   - D. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   - -Resource Fair
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11. ADJOURMENT

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MINUTES - September 11, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1810 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Elizabeth Melnick, CJ O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson and a quorum was present.
Wayne Snodgrass, Asst. City Attorney and Cheryl Cook, VSO were also present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUG 7, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Cook made some brief remarks on the planning for next year's Resource Fair.

7. REPORTS:
   A. The Secretary had no new information on the reappointments pending, and the matter was continued in the interest of other pressing items.
   B. President Raswyck received an update report from the Civil Grand Jury on "Neglect of Reporting Requirements. This update stated that to date, only 18 of 230 agencies have responded.

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B. (continued)

The major item was an annual report to the Mayor's Office and Board of Supervisors on the Commission's activity during 1999. It was proposed that a pro forma report be drafted for presentation and approval at the October meeting.

(The Grand Jury, in a footnote observed that the VAC "**is not identified in Mayor's annual proposed budget; no associated ...department is identified in proposed budget either.**"; This is one issue that the Commission addressed in our March resolution.)

In addition to the Annual Report, it was decided to put on the October agenda a vote for a formal response to Grand Jury's concerns.

C. Legislative Committee. The loss of Commissioner Maceo Mays has created a quandry for the commission; and after some discussion it was decided to put this important issue to future meetings. A card to be sent Commissioner Mays was approved, and an address update obtained.

D. In the absence of Comm. Lineberger, the matter of staffing at Fort Miley was continued.

8. NEW BUSINESS. Other than the above items to be on the agenda, there was no new business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS Commissioners Renie Champagne and Wallace Levin are Parade Director and Parade Chairman respectively for the Mayor's 2000 Veterans' Day Parade Committee. Those intending to participate should promptly contact Renie Champagne at 209 Rutland St., SF 94124; or by telephone: (415) 467-8218 or 467-6426.
The deadline for completed entries is October 29.

10. ADJOURMENT The meeting was adjourned at 1920. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 2, 2000.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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6:00pm - 7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Draft for response to the Honorable Alfred G. Chiantelli, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors regarding 1999-2000 Civil Grand Jury's Final Report: *Neglect of Reporting Requirements*.
   - B. Draft for Annual Report for 1999 to be forwarded to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.
   - C. Legislative Committee.
   - D. Health and Welfare Committee
   - E. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
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MINUTES - October 2, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1825 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnick, CJ O'Mara, Edwin Wilkerson and a quorum was present.
Also present were Larue Grim, Vice Commander, SF American Legion County Council; Nathan Ratner, Sons of the American Legion; Rev. Gregory Richardson; Richard Anderson Suarez; and Michael Thompson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEP 11, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was extensive public comment by several of the visitors prior to the assembly of a quorum. The topic was the flag case and contents outside the entrance to the Mayor's Office.

A letter from Ryan L. Brooks, Director of Administrative Services, and enclosed letter from Christina L. Wallace, Architectural Conservator, pertaining to the flags and the case was provided.

The item was not on the agenda. *(on October 3, the secretary discovered 1.) a letter from Cheryl Cook concerning the issue. Cheryl Cook could not be present, and 2.) an enclosed letter to Commissioner Raswyk, the absent president of the commission. There having been no timely notice, the item was not on the agenda, and no action could be taken.)*

7. REPORTS:

A. The draft for the annual report for 1999 was presented to the commission and approved with a hand vote.

B. The response to the Honorable Alfred G. Chiantelli regarding reporting requirements was presented to the commission for consideration and approval in November. The members expressed strong desire to approve it as drafted, and immediately forward it to the addressees. This was done by a hand vote on a motion by Jim Lineberger.

C. A letter of support for the Resource Fair to be furnished to Cheryl Cook for use in her negotiation for space was approved.

D. Nominating Committee. Renie Champagne, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, and Edwin Wilkerson were named to the nominating committee for officers of the commission in 2001.

E. There was no formal report by a Legislative Comm. or Health and Welfare Committee as such. Comments pertaining to some items are under Unfinished Business.
Website report. CJ O'Mara made a brief report on her ongoing activities.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were brief remarks regarding the Korean 50th Anniversary, the Parade Commission, and other matters. Elizabeth Melnick furnished a copy

of the state legislative agenda. We need a system to identify pertinent items and place these on the agenda in a timely fashion.

9. NEW BUSINESS
The Preservation of Building Artifacts, the flag case outside the mayor's office, and the ongoing problem of financing were discussed and will be on the agenda for November.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS The American Legion, Alexander Hamilton Post, San Jose Mercury News, and others are sponsoring a concert of the Air Force Band of the Rockies in Davies Hall on October 10. Commissioner Coolidge had free tickets.

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned in memory of MacGruder Wilkenson on a motion by Comm. Levin at 1921 hours. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 6, 2000, at 1800 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2000, AT ROOM 104

6:00pm - 7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2 MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Compliance with the Sunshine Law
   - B. The flag case and flags that were by the Mayor's office.
   - C. Legislative Committee.
   - D. Health and Welfare Committee
   - E. Website Report
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
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6:00pm - 7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2 MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Compliance with the Sunshine Law
   - B. Return of the 91st Division flag and case to City Hall
   - C. Legislative Committee.
   - D Health and Welfare Committee
   - E. Website Report
   - F. Support of the USS IOWA to San Francisco Project
   - G. Veterans Affairs Commission budget request
   - H. Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Day Ceremony
   - I. Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemoration
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
11. ADJOURMENT In memory of the sailors killed in terrorist attack on the USS Cole

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MINUTES - November 6, 2000, Meeting of the Commission, Room 104

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 1809 hours.

2. ROLL CALL: Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnick, CJ O'Mara, Edwin Wilkerson and a quorum was present.
Also present were Cheryl Cook, Asst. VSO; Nathan Ratner, Sons of the American Legion; Richard A. Suarez; and Michael Thompson
The City Attorney's representative, Wayne Snodgrass, was present

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved unanimously with a hand vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCT 2, 2000 The minutes were approved unanimously with a hand vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Nathan Ratner reported that the 91st Division flag and case were apparently not going to be restored to their original location when repairs, etc. are completed, but to another place in city hall.
Cheryl Cook, VSO Asst., expressed gratitude for the support of the commission in facilitating her request to the War Memorial Board of Trustees for the use of the building for the Resource Fair. Others present remarked that she showed extraordinary patience in waiting to be heard by the trustees.

7. REPORTS:

A. The secretary reiterated that circumstances may require his resignation in the near future, and requested his name not be considered by the nominating committee for 2001.

B. With respect to virtually all of the commission's current issues, Commissioner Cauley reported a personal contact with Mayor Willie Brown. Comm. Wilkerson informed us that Ms. Perez from the mayor's office had intended to attend our meeting

C. The Nominating Committee will present their report next month for election of officers.

E. There was no formal report by a Legislative Comm. or Health and Welfare Committee as such.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

--Compliance with Sunshine Law -- V. Pres. Coolidge brought the 3 minute limit on public comment to the attention of the commission. Attorney Snodgrass noted that the length of comment might be extended at the discretion of the chair.

--Return of the 91st Division flag and case to City Hall. In addition to the public comment above, an article by Mr. Epstein in a current issue of the Chronicle was mentioned. Commissioner Levin sought and received approval for his draft of a letter from the Commission to the mayor urging the restoration of the flags and case.

--Website Report. Commissioner O'Mara reported a temporary incapacity to service email and the web due to a problem at her residence.

--Support of the USS IOWA to SF Project. --no new information, except that a model of the USS IOWA will be in the Veterans Day Parade.

--VAC budget request. Comm. Champagne reported that due to a late increase in funding, 177 units rather than 150 would be in the Parade.

--Resource Fair will be put on the agenda in the event any action by the Commission is required.

9. NEW BUSINESS. The election of 2001 officers will be at the December meeting.

10. ADJOURMENT The meeting was adjourned in memory of the men killed in the terrorist attack on the USS COLE.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON DECEMBER 4, 2000, AT ROOM 104

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6:00pm - 7:00pm

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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6 MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. Election of Officers for 2001.
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MINUTES OF THE DEC. 4, 2000 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Raswyck.

2. Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Leonard Grube, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, C.J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, Cheryl Cook (County Veterans Office), and Wayne Snodgrass (City Attorney), were present.

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3. President Raswyck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. The agenda was approved unanimously.

5. The minutes of the Nov. 6, 2000 meeting were approved.

6. Cheryl Cook, Assistant Director ot the Veterans Service Office, reported that she had received the approval of the War Memorial Board of Trustees, to hold the Resource Fair at the Veterans Building. The event will be held in October 2001. She also reported that our Governor Davis had signed legislation pertaining to veterans preference and that the City and County of San Francisco would soon have veterans preference in hiring.

7. Reports.

The Election Committee made up of Renie Champagne, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger and Edwin Wilkerson. The chairman Edwin Wilkerson reported the committee nomination for Secretary was Wallace Levin. There were no other nominations and Wallace Levin was elected Secretary. He gave the committee nomination for Vice President, which was George Gibbs. There were no other nominations and George Gibbs was elected Vice President. Chairman Wilkerson reported the committee nomination for President was Charles Coolidge. Veronika Cauley nominated herself for President. A vote was held and Charles Coolidge was elected President.

Commissioner Leonard Grube reported that because of personal reasons, he had sent his resignation from the commission, to the Board of Supervisors. He was thanked for his service to the commission and commended for the great job he did as secretary during the past year, by President Coolidge & Raswyck.

The 91st Division flag has not been returned to City Hall. The Mayor did not answer our letter sent to him in November. He also did not fly the 91st Division flag from the pole outside his office on Veterans Day. Wallace Levin made a motion to send another letter to the Mayor Brown, Ryan Brooks, Director of the Department of Administrative Services and the Board of Supervisors. The motion was second by Renie Champagne and passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE DEC. 4, 2000 MEETING OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

COMMISSION BUDGET - Although we sent the Mayor our budget request over six months ago, the first meeting to go over our budget will take place on Dec. 18, 2000. Budget Committee Chairman Edwin Wilkerson will attend.

BATTLESHIP USS IOWA - Renie Champagne and Elizabeth Melnik attended a VFW meeting, where it was reported that the USS Iowa will arrive in San Francisco Bay during the week of April 19, 2001. San Francisco has still not made a pier available for this great ship. The Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square committee will meet on Dec. 7, 2000, at Fort Mason. Wallace Levin will attend the meeting to get the latest information.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP - Edwin Wilkerson reported that past members of the commission should be recognized and he will work up a plan.

VETERANS DAY PARADE - Renie Champagne, Veterans Day Parade Director reported that the San Francisco Veterans Day Parade was a official City and County of San Francisco Korean War Commemoration event.

MEMORIAL DAY - The Mayor's Memorial Day Citizens Committee will meet on Dec. 14, 2000, at the Presidio National Cemetery. Charles Coolidge and Edwin Wilkerson represent the Veterans Affairs Commission, Renie Champagne represents the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert De La Cruz and Glen Raswyck represent the American Veterans AMVETS and Wallace Levin represents the Jewish War Veterans.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Wallace Levin, Secretary

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AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MONDAY, JAN. 8, 2001, 6:00 PM, VETERANS BUILDING, ROOM 104

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. REPORTS
   - A. VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
   - B. RESOURCE FAIR
   - C. LEGISLATIVE
   - D. HEALTH AND WELFARE
   - E. WEBSITE
   - F. VETERANS VOTING RIGHTS
   - G. 91ST DIVISION FLAG
   - H. COMMISSION BUDGET
   - I. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP
   - J. MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY
   - K BATTLESHIP USS IOWA
   - L. KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION
   - M. VETERANS BUILDING
   - N. AMERICAN LEGION COMMISSION
   - O. WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS - OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEB. 5TH.
11. ADJOURMENT

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MINUTES OF THE JAN. 8, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Coolidge.

Commissioners Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, C.J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck and Edwin Wilkerson were present. Also present were Wayne Snodgrass (City Attorney), Frank Deering (VFW), Nate Ratner (Sons of the American Legion), Edward Epstein (Chronicle), Elaine Merylin Wong (Battleship Iowa), William Stephens (Battleship Iowa), Mark Raymond Chandler (Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission), Anna Marie Anger (Vietnam Memorial) and Supervisor Aaron Peskin.

President Coolidge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The agenda was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the Dec. 4, 2000 meeting were approved.

REPORTS

91ST DIVISION FLAG

Nate Ratner reported on his efforts to get the Mayor to re-dedicate the 91st Division flag on Nov. 11, 1999 and his recent efforts to get the Office of the Mayor to return the flag to City Hall. He also gave the history of the 363rd Infantry Regiment of the 91st Division. Commissioner Levin reported that the Mayor had not answered our letters of Nov. 6, 2000-Dec. 11, 2000. Ryan Brooks, Department of Administrative Services Director had not answered our letter of Dec. 11, 2000. He also did not respond to invitation to attend this commission meeting. That over three months have passed since the memorial was removed from City Hall.

BATTLESHIP USS IOWA

William Stephens, Vice President and a Director of the USS Iowa Project and Elaine Merylin Wong, Director, reported that the USS Iowa will arrive during the third week of April 2001. That if the Mayor and the Port of San Francisco do not make a pier available, the ship will sail right by San Francisco and end up with the mothball fleet in Suisun. This will be a sad day in the naval history of San Francisco. They were commended by the Commission for their six year dedicated effort to bring the USS Iowa to San Francisco and that the Commission will continue to support their project.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Anna Marie Anger told the Commission how she had lost a close friend in Vietnam. That in November 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall was put on display at the Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward. She was so moved by the wall, she started a project to have a Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Hayward. Because of her efforts, on Sept. 20, 1997, the Monument of Remembrance to the heroes of the Vietnam War and also honoring those who gave their lives from Hayward, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo, was dedicated. The black granite monument stands in the hills of Lone Tree Cemetery. She wants to start a project to have a Vietnam Veterans Memorial here in San Francisco. The Commission will discuss the project at our next meeting.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
Mark Raymond Chandler, Chairman of the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission, commended her efforts in Alameda County and supported her San Francisco project.

COMMISSION BUDGET
Chairman Edwin Wilkerson, C.J. O'Mara and Wallace Levin met with the Mayor's Budget Office and we were given $1,000 for expenses, for the rest of the year, ending in June. We must present them with a budget on how we are going to spend the money. Chairman Wilkerson will work up a budget and present it to them.

VETERANS VOTING RIGHTS
Comm. Levin made a motion that we send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, asking them to evaluate how the San Francisco Elections Department handles military ballots and for them to support the efforts to improve military election procedures. The motion was seconded by Jim Lineberger and passed.

WEBSITE
Web Master C.J. O'Mara reported that everything is up to date at the Commission website for 2001.

MEDAL OF HONOR EXHIBIT
President Coolidge reported that a Medal of Honor exhibit will go on display in the Capitol Building, in Washington D.C. next year. He will give us more information at our next meeting.
SUPERVISOR AARON PESKIN stopped by and told us the 91st Division flag return is a must
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Wallace Levin
Secretary

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Veterans Affairs Commission. Monday, February 5, 6 p.m., Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. REPORTS

A. 91ST DIVISION FLAG
B. BATTLESHIP USS IOWA
C. COMMISSION BUDGET
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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURMENT

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MINUTES OF THE FEB. 5, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Coolidge.

Commissioners Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, C.J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck and Edwin Wilkerson were present. Also present were Wayne Snodgrass (City Attorney), Raymond Wong (VFW District 15 Commander), Michael Thompson (Military Order of the Purple Heart), Mark Raymond Chandler (Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission). Special guests from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ronald Hunt, Bobbie Rosenthal, Lucille Gibbs and Kesa Thomas, were also present.

President Coolidge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The agenda was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the Jan. 8, 2001 meeting were approved.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Ronald Hunt, VA Medical Center Marketing Director and Bobbie Rosenthal, presented all of the many programs now available for veterans. The services include preventive services, primary medical care, referrals to specialists, prescription refills, social work services and mental health and substance abuse treatment. Lucille Gibbs and Kesa Thomas reported on the Comprehensive Homeless Center program for women veterans, who are homeless. The program includes residential treatment, linkage to healthcare, housing information and emergency services.

91ST DIVISION FLAG
Wallace Levin reported that Mayor Willie Brown had invited representatives of the major veterans organizations, to meet with him today, at 4:00 P.M. Renie Champagne and Raymond Wong for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Michael Thompson for the DAV and Order of the Purple Heart, Wallace Levin for the Jewish War Veterans, Edwin Wilkerson for the Veterans Affairs Commission and Nate Ratner for the Sons of the American Legion. Charles Oswald for the American Legion, had to cancel. Also present was Ryan Brooks, Director of Administrative Services and Eleanor Johns, Mayor Brown's Chief of Staff. We told him of our concern that four months had passed and that nothing had been done to repair the case. That in fact, the Oakland Conservation Laboratory had not even started on the project. Mayor promised that the glass case would be returned to City Hall and that the 91st Division flag would be inside the case. He gave Wallace Levin and Nate Ratner permission to visit the case in Oakland and the flags at the Art Commission. He also said he would meet with veterans on other issues.

BATTLESHIP USS IOWA
Edwin Wilkerson reported that the USS Iowa will leave the east coast the first of March and will arrive in San Francisco during the third week of April. The Port of San Francisco will make piers 30 and 32 available for a visit.

COMMISSION BUDGET

Edwin Wilkerson reported that the Mayor's Budget Office had given the commission $1,000 for the rest of the year, ending June 30, 2001. They requested a budget on how we were going to spend the money, prior to us getting the funds. He said he would present the budget to the Mayor's Budget Office prior to the March 5th meeting of the commission.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Mark Raymond Chandler spoke in support of Anna Marie Anger's San Francisco Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project. Glenn Raswyck moved that the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission support Anna Marie Anger's San Francisco Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project. The motion was seconded by C.J. O'Mara and the motion passed unanimously. The secretary will draft a letter for President Coolidge, which will be sent to Anna Marie Anger. Mark Chandler reported that they were meeting with Protocol Chief Charlotte Shultz, at the Mayor's Office on Feb. 9th. He invited members of the commission to attend.

VETERANS VOTING RIGHTS

A letter was sent from President Charles Coolidge, to the Board of Supervisors, asking them to evaluate how the San Francisco Elections Department handles military ballots. Also to support the efforts to improve military election procedures. That polling places on military bases be available to all military personnel and that military ballots be sent to their jurisdiction, with speed and efficiency.

MEDAL OF HONOR

Charles Coolidge reported that a Medal of Honor exhibit will go on display in the Capitol Building, in Washington D.C., starting in May 2002. It will come to San Francisco in May 2003 and that the Veterans Building lobby would be a good place for the display. Arch Wilson is leading the charge and is working on this project. Arch Wilson has also reserved the Green Room for the after Veterans Day Parade 2001 veterans event. This is the first time we have had this room for a veterans event in years, maybe decades.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjoured in memory of Senator Alan Cranston, who warned America about the dangers of Hitler in the 1930's and he was a great friend of veterans. Les Brown, who made dozens of trips with Bob Hope to entertain the troops all over the world. Examiner reporter Edvins Beitiks, who wrote many moving reports about veterans. A recipient of 3 Purple Hearts, he served in the Army 1st Cavalry Division, in Vietnam.

If you plan on making a report at our March 5th meeting, please give Secretary, Wallace Levin, the important facts of your report in writing.

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Wallace Levin.
(President Charles Coolidge and Vice President George Gibbs were unable to attend the meeting)

Commissioners Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Carla Hollis, Robert De La Cruz, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, C.J. O'Mara, Glenn Raswyck and Edwin Wilkerson were present. Also present were Wayne Snodgrass (City Attorney), Cheryl Cook (S.F. County Veterans Service Office) and Raymond Wong (VFW District 15 Commander).

Secretary Levin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Renie Champagne made a motion, seconded by Edwin Wilkerson, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Glenn Raswyck made a motion, seconded by Veronika Cauley, to approve the minutes of the Feb. 5, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Raymond Wong reported that the Veterans of Foreign Wars supports the President's decision to improve quality of life for the military with better pay, better housing and better healthcare, keeping the Rangers in black berets, and the enforcement of the no fly zone in Iraq. VFW California Department Commander Arthur Harris and Department President Deborah Jacobs will visit San Francisco on March 10th.

RESOURCE FAIR
Cheryl Cook reported that the Resource Fair Committee meets every month. The next meeting will be on March 12th, at 25 Van Ness Avenue. There are now 37 participants and Edwin Wilkerson and C.J. O'Mara attend the meetings. She also reported that the Department of Veterans Affairs had opened a new clinic in South San Francisco, for all veterans.

COMMISSION BUDGET
Committee Chairman Edwin Wilkerson reported that the Office of the Mayor, had given the Commission funds to buy cards for all members of the Commission. He urged all members of the Commission to get the proper information required, so that the cards could be ordered.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP
The Board of Supervisors Rules Committee, on March 1, 2001, appointed Michael Thompson and Carla Hollis to the Commission. We welcome them to the Commission.

Renie Champagne made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik and passed by all of the commissioners present, to urge Mayor Willie Brown to appoint Raymond Wong to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (Page Two)

REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE
A new Legislative Committee was formed, made up of Renie Champagne, Elizabeth Melnik and C.J. O'Mara. Cheryl Cook will give the committee her support. Wallace Levin reported that a federal appeals court has ruled that the government owes free lifetime medical care to certain veterans of World War II and the Korean War because recruiters promised them such care if they served in the armed forces for a minimum of 20 years.

MEMORIAL DAY
Thanks to the great support from the 91st Division and the Presidio Trust, this Memorial Day Ceremony will be a super event. The Presidio Trust thanks to Lisa Hillstrom, Special Events Program Coordinator and the 91st Division thanks to LTC Richard Mollica, Deputy Chief of Staff. They both have given the Mayor's Memorial Day Citizens Committee the needed logistical support.

91ST DIVISION FLAG MEMORIAL
The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution urging the Mayor to work with the San Francisco Veterans Community to identify an appropriate place of prominence in City Hall for the 363rd Infantry Regiment Battle Flags, and place the flags in this location as soon as possible. Supervisor Leland Yee's Resolution was co-sponsored by Supervisors Newsom, Daly, McGoldrick and Hall. All members of the Board of Supervisors present voted in support of the resolution.

USS IOWA
Edwin Wilkerson and Wallace Levin reported that William Stephens and Merylin Wong, Directors of Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square, went to Newport, Rhode Island, to attend the Battleship Iowa farewell ceremony. The ship was to leave on March 3rd, but because of bad weather it did not leave until March 8th. It will leave the Panama Canal and go into the Pacific on March 28th. It should arrive in San Francisco bay on April 20, 21 or 22.

VETERANS BUILDING
Wallace Levin suggested that VAC send a letter to the City Attorney, requesting the advice and opinion of the City Attorney with regard to veterans authority, jurisdiction, restrictions and rights in the future uses of the Veterans Building. Renie Champagne made a motion, seconded by C.J. O'Mara, to send the letter. Passed.

WEBSITE
Webmaster C.J. O'Mara reported that the VAC Website now has two pages listing California and Federal legislation pertaining to veterans. She also requested that someone put the minutes on the VAC Website. Carla Hollis will do the job.

ADJOURMENT
The meeting was adjoured in memory of the 21 members of the National Guard, that died in that tragic air crash.

If you plan on making a report at our next meeting, please do it in writing. I will not be at the April 2nd meeting, because it is my wife of 48 years birthday. I was overseas for her 20th and 21st and when I returned I promised not to miss another one. In 18 years this will be the 5th meeting that I have missed.

Wallace Levin, Secretary

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6 p.m., Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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Veterans Affairs Commission. Monday, May 7, 2001,
6 p.m., Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104.

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

HEALTH AND WELFARE
Veronika Cauley requested we all receive compensation and health benefits, for serving on the commission. City Attorney Wayne Snodgrass explained that because our function was advisory we were not entitled to compensation or health benefits. He also stated that only the Board of Supervisors could authorize such benefits. Wallace Levin asked him who was authorized to use official City and County of San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission stationary. He stated that only the President of the commission, after a vote of the commission, could use this stationary. Individuals on the commission may not use this stationary for personal use.

USS IOWA
The Navy brought the USS Iowa into San Francisco Bay in the dark of night, on April 21, at 12:01 a.m. It left for Benicia at 6:00 a.m. Because of this the people of San Francisco were deprived of observing this great battleship. Veronika Cauley reported that she was on the Presidential Yacht Potomac, which followed the Iowa from San Francisco Bay to Suisun Bay. There are 7 groups of ships at Suisun Bay. The USS Iowa is now docked with the 3rd group, from the Martinez Bridge. Wallace Levin reported that a large group of people welcomed the ship to Benicia. The Navy cancelled a jet fly-over at the last minute. The Navy League, Veterans of the USS Iowa, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square held a Iowa Appreciation Night, at the Empress of China, on April 19th. Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, Michael Thompson, Edwin Wilkenson and Raymond Wong were present.

VETERANS BUILDING
Per the request of the commission, Wayne Snodgrass, Deputy City Attorney, passed out a paper on Veterans' Rights in Relation to Future Uses of Veterans Building. This is for our information. It is privileged and confidential.

WEBSITE
Webmaster C.J. O'Mara and Carla Hollis are still working on getting our minutes on the website. After the minutes of the April meeting are placed on the website, they will be brought to our commission meeting.

ADJOURMENT
The meeting was adjoured in memory of Steve Kabai, a dedicated member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. For many years he was the Captain of the VFW Honor Guard. He was a World War II veteran. He will be missed especially by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

IF YOU PLAN ON MAKING A REPORT AT OUR NEXT MEETING, PLEASE DO IT IN WRITING. THIS WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE FACTS YOU PRESENT ARE PROPERLY REPORTED IN THE JUNE MINUTES.

Wallace Levin
Secretary

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THE NEXT MEETING OF VAC WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 4TH, 6:00 P.M., ROOM 104, VETERANS BUILDING.

Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Coolidge.

Commissioners Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Charles Coolidge, Carla Hollis, George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, C.J. O'Mara, Glen Raswyck, Michael Thompson, Edwin Wilkenson and Raymond Wong were present. Also present were Wayne Snodgrass and Richard Suarez, Korean War Veteran.

President Coolidge recognized past Presidents Glen Raswyck, Edwin Wilkenson, C.J. O'Mara and Wallace Levin and Jim Lineberger.

President Coolidge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Edwin Wilkenson made a motion, seconded by Glen Raswyck, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

COMMISSION BUDGET
Because of the funds provided by Mayor Willie Brown, personal cards were ordered for all members of the commission. This is the first time in 18 years, that the commission has been given any funds from the City and County of San Francisco.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP
Mayor Willie Brown will appoint Raymond Wong to the commission on May 11th. He will be the first Asian American to serve on the commission. With his appointment, we will have 15 members on the commission.

MEMORIAL DAY
Because of the additional funds provided by Mayor Willie Brown ($5,000), the great logistical support of the Presidio Trust, the 91st Division and the Presidio National Cemetery, the San Francisco Memorial Day Event, will be the largest Memorial Day commemoration since World War II. It will commemorate the 84 year relationship between San Francisco and the 91st Division.

91ST DIVISION FLAG MEMORIAL
The 91st Division Flag Memorial 17 foot glass case has now been at the Oakland Museum for 7 months and they have yet to present San Francisco with a bid for repair. Wallace Levin and Nate Ratner will meet with Ryan Brooks, who is in charge of the project, on May 15th.

RESOURCE FAIR
The Resource Fair is moving right along and the next meeting will be held on May 21st, at 875 Stevenson, with Edwin Wilkenson and C.J. O'Mara attending.

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Veterans Affairs Commission. Monday, June 4, 2001
6 p.m., Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104.

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2. ROLL CALL

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Because of his failing health, Charles Coolidge went to Oregon to be with his family. He passed away on July 22nd. Please see his letter to the commission.

THE NEXT MEETING OF VAC WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUG. 6TH, 6:00 P.M., ROOM 104, VETERANS BUILDING.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Gibbs. (President Charles Coolidge was unable to attend, because of poor health).

Commissioners Renie Champagne, Carla Hollis, George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, Elizabeth Melnik, CJ O'Mara, Glen Raswyck, Michael Thompson, Edwin Wilkerson and Raymond Wong were present. Wayne Snodgrass and Cheryl Cook, were also present.

Vice President Gibbs recognized past Presidents Glen Raswyck, Edwin Wilkerson, CJ O'Mara and Wallace Levin.

Vice President Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Glen Raswyck made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Edwin Wilkerson made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2001 meeting, with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

COMMISSION BUDGET

Cheryl Cook, Director of the County Veterans Service Office reported that the money used for commissioners cards, stationary and envelopes, came out of her budget and the funds did not come from the Mayor' Office. CJ O'Mara asked what was the status of our budget for the new year starting July 1st? Budget committee chairman Edwin Wilkerson will check with the Mayor's Office and make a report at our next meeting.

MEMORIAL DAY

Renie Champagne and Wallace Levin thanked Veronika Cauley, Carla Hollis, George Gibbs, Elizabeth Melnik, CJ O'Mara, Michael Thompson, Edwin Wilkerson, Raymond Wong and Cheryl Cook for attending and supporting the Presidio Memorial Day event. It was the biggest San Francisco Memorial Day, since World War II. It was the first year since 1995 that we have had a Army band. The first band concert was presented by the National Guard 59th Army band and it was the first time that we had historic military vehicles on display. Over 2,000 people were on hand for all of the events. We honored the 91st Division.

91ST DIVISION FLAG MEMORIAL

The 91st Division glass case Flag Memorial has now been at the museum for 9 months and they still have not presented San Francisco with a bid for repair.

INTERNET WEBSITE

Webmaster CJ O'Mara reported that she has added many features to the website, including lists of federal and state legislation. Working with Carla Hollis the website now has the minutes of prior commission meetings.

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RESOURCE FAIR

Cheryl Cook reported that the Resource Fair will be held at the Veterans Building lobby, on Oct. 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. So far 19 groups will be attending the event. They meet every month, with CJ O'Mara and Edwin Wilkerson attending.

WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Another first for Memorial Day, was the number of City Hall leaders on hand. Thomas Horn, President of the War Memorial Trustees, Gregory Ridenour, Assistant Director of the War Memorial Trustees, Bill Lee, City Administrator, Ryan Brooks, Director of Administrative Services, Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Sullivan, Valerie Tookes, Grants for the Arts Operations Manager and former Supervisor Sue Bierman. Supervisor Leland Yee was the General Chairman and Mayor Willie Brown was the Honorary Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

CJ O'Mara reported that 2002 will be the 20th Anniversary of the Veterans Affairs Commission. She will act as the head of the commemoration committee.

ADJOURMENT

Per past tradition, the commission will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on August 6th.

IF YOU PLAN ON MAKING A REPORT AT OUR NEXT MEETING, PLEASE DO IT IN WRITING. THIS WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE FACTS YOU PRESENT ARE PROPERLY REPORTED IN THE AUGUST MINUTES .

Wallace Levin, Secretary

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUG. 6, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEP 10, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING
401 VAN NESS AVENUE, ROOM 104

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING ON SEPT. 10, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Gibbs.
Commissioners Veronika Cauley, Renie Champagne, Carla Hollis, George Gibbs, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, Glenn Raswyck, Michael Thompson and Raymond Wong were present. Wayne Snodgrass (Deputy City Attorney), Cheryl Cook (County Veteran Service Office Director), Bud Wilson, Richard Suarez and Ralph Gibson were also present.
Vice President Gibbs recognized past Presidents Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger and Glenn Raswyck.
Vice President Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Renie Champagne made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
Jim Lineberger made a motion, seconded by Renie Champagne, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS-Jim Lineberger and Cheryl Cook reported on the Department of Veterans Affairs very successful Health Fair.
91ST DIVISION FLAG MEMORIAL-Wallace Levin reported that the Office of the Mayor is getting the historic glass case restored. The 91st Division Battle Flag Memorial will be dedicated at a special ceremony on Nov. 11th. The City Hall event will start at 10:30 a.m. and will feature the 91st Division band and Pipes and Drums.
RESOURCE FAIRE-Cheryl Cook reported that the Resource Faire plans are right on schedule. 31 organizations will attend the event, which will be held at the Veterans Building, on Oct. 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She got authorization from the War Memorial Trustees to place a banner on the front of the Veterans Building. Thanks to Michael Thompson, the banner will be funded by the Military Order of the Purple Heart.
USS IOWA-Raymond Wong reported that the Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square held a commemoration of the 56th anniversary of the end of World War II on Sept. 7th. It was held near the USS Iowa, at Suisin Bay, off Benicia.
VETERANS DAY PARADE-Renie Champagne and Wallace Levin reported that the Sunday, Nov. 11th, Veterans Day Parade will be the greatest parade since World War II. We are receiving great support from the 91st Division, 23rd Marines and the Naval and Marine Reserve Center Alameda.
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS-Raymond Wong reported that VFW State Commander Gerald Anderson, will be the Grand Marshal of the Chinese Double Ten parade.
VETERANS DAY PARADE PARTICIPATION RIGHTS-Renie Champagne made a motion, seconded by Raymond Wong, to support the constitutional right of all groups, organizations and individuals who wish to pay tribute to America's veterans, to participate in the Veterans Day Parade in San Francisco. Motion passed unanimously.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Veronika Cauley reported that she had been in contact with the Municipal Railway, in regard to their new bus route moving signs. She requested the opinion of the commissioners, as to the wording of the Fort Miley sign. Those present felt it should read, Fort Miley VA Hospital.
NEW BUSINESS-Raymond Wong requested a opinion of Deputy City Attorney, if we could use the name of the commission after our name, when we support candidates for public office. He said that we could do this, but in no way could we imply that the Veterans Affairs Commission supports any candidate or ballot measure.
BAND OF BROTHERS-Robert Low, Senior Account Manager for PentaMark Worldwide ad agency for Chrysler-Jeep, who put 20 million into the production of "Band of Brothers" presented a film on "Band of Brothers". He will make some Jeep vehicles available for the Veterans Day Parade. The ten week series is about Easy Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.
ADJOURMENT-The meeting was adjoured in memory of Marine Corp Vietnam veteran, Bob Merts.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCT. 1, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING
401 VAN NESS AVENUE, ROOM 104

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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Q. LETTER OF THANKS TO MAYOR BROWN FOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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11. ADJOURMENT-IN MEMORY OF AMERICANS MURDERED ON SEPT. 11, 2001.

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MINUTES OF THE NOV. 5, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Gibbs.
Commissioners Veronica Cauley, Renie Champagne, George Gibbs, Carla Hollis, Wallace Levin, Elizabeth Melnik, CJ O'Mara, Michael Thompson, Edwin Wilkerson and Raymond Wong were present. County Veterans Service Office Director Cheryl Cook, Deputy City Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Aaron Zeff, Lou Gordon, Richard Hack and Dan Hickey were also present.
Vice President Gibbs recognized past Presidents Wallace Levin, CJ O'Mara and Edwin Wilkerson.
Vice President Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Renie Champagne made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
Renie Champagne made a motion, seconded by Raymond Wong, to approve the minutes of the Oct. 1, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Lou Gordon, Executive Director of the Recovery Survival Network presentd a report on his seven year old organization, which helps people in need. The organization provides many services including computer training, to local citizens and veterans. They are privately funded and they hope to expand their services in the future. Richard Hack, a graduate of the program had high praise for the organization.
Dan Hickey, Korean War veteran, presented a review of the Soviet Union's (U.S.S.R.) support to the Communist side, during the Korean War and how this support cost American lives. Because of this he feels that Russian veterans of World War II, should not be allowed to take part in the San Francisco Veterans Day Parade. He was informed that at our Sept. 10, 2001 meeting, we passed a resolution to support the constitutional right of all groups, organizations and individuals who wish to pay tribute to America's veterans, to participate in the San Francisco Veterans Day Parade. He was given a copy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
HEALTH AND WELFARE-Veronica Cauley reported that our year old project to get Muni to clearly mark their #38 Geary bus line has been completed. The line will be marked VA Hospital/Fort Miley, instead of just Fort Miley. The data base has been changed to reflect this commission's request. The change will take place some time during the next few months. Commissioner Cauley was commended for completing this project.
LEGISLATIVE-Raymond Wong and Wallace Levin testified before the Supervisor's Finance Committee, in support of the Mayor's legislation, to give compensation to City workers called to active military duty. It passed the committee and will go on to the Board.
91ST DIVISION BATTLE FLAG MEMORIAL-Wallace Levin reported that the re-furbished Army's 91st Division glass case World War I Battle Flag Memorial, will be re-dedicated at 10:30 a.m., on Nov. 11th, at the City Hall South Court. The event will feature the 91st Division Band and Pipes and Drums.
RESOURCE FAIR-Cheryl Cook was commended for the very successful Resource Faire held at the Veterans Building, on Oct. 3rd. Three dozen organizations were on hand to offer their services to hundreds of San Franciscans and it was a outstanding use of the Veterans Building.
VETERANS DAY PARADE-Renie Champagne and Wallace Levin reported that the 82nd traditional Veterans Day Parade, will be in remembrance of America's second day of infamy, Sept. 11, 2001 and will be dedicated to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States. This parade will be the largest and greatest Veterans Day Parade since World War II.

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS-Raymond Wong, VFW District 15 Commander reported that the Chinatown Post 56th Anniversary Dinner, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at the Four Seas Restaurant. The Republic of China will present "Mutual Defense Badge of Honor Medals", to American veterans who served in Taiwan/Taiwan Straits from 1954 through 1978. On Nov. 5th, the Postal Service issued a 34 cent United We Stand stamp. The stamp features "Old Glory" with the words "United We Stand" across the bottom. It is in honor of the patriotic spirit of our nation's pride and determination following the tragic events on Sept. 11, 2001.
ELECTION SELECTION COMMITTEE-Wallace Levin made the Election Selection Committee's recommendations for commission officers for 2002. President George Gibbs, Vice President Elizabeth Melnik and Secretary Carla Hollis. The committee was made up of past President's Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, CJ O'Mara, Edwin Wilkerson and Glenn Raswyck. Nominations will be made at the Dec. 3, 2001 commission meeting, including nominations from the floor. The election will follow.

ADJOURMENT-The meeting was adjoured in memory of our fellow Americans murdered on Sept. 11, 2001.

If you plan on making a Committee Report, please back it up with something in writing. Thank You, Secretary Wallace Levin. (982-3417)

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, DEC. 3, 2001, 6:00 P.M.
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I. LEGISLATIVE-MEDAL OF HONOR REVIEW FOR JEWISH VETERANS OF WWII
J. 91ST DIVISION FLAG MEMORIAL
K. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2002
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Q. REQUEST OF VERONIKA CAULEY TO BE ON THE AGENDA
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-HOMELESS VETERANS

9. NEW BUSINESS-COMMISSION GOALS FOR 2002

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MINUTES OF THE DEC. 3, 2001 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Gibbs.
Commissioner's Veronica Cauley, Renie Champagne, George Gibbs, Carla Hollis, Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Elizabeth Melnik, Glen Raswyck, Michael Thompson, Edwin Wilkerson and Raymond Wong were present. County Veterans Service Office Director Cheryl Cook, Deputy City Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Aaron Zeff, Vince Rios, Rick Suarez and Alex Seddio were also present. Past presidents Wallace Levin, Jim Lineberger, Glen Raswyck and Edwin Wilkerson, were recognized by Vice President George Gibbs.
Vice President Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Michael Thompson made a motion, seconded by Carla Hollis, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
Raymond Wong made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik, to approve the minutes of the Nov. 5, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Cook, County Veterans Service Office Director reported that Mayor Brown had appointed Wallace Levin, CVSO County Veterans Service Officer. The appointment was confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The three vacancies for membership on the commission are filled. One of the vacancies is for a disabled veteran. Applications are in and they are waiting to be appointed.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Veronica Cauley reported that the #38 Geary bus will say VA Hospital 48th Avenue only for the bus that will be going to the end of this line. There are three different bus destinations. The three different #38 bus destinations will list the beginning pick up point, plus the end of the line destination.

LEGION COMMISSION-AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion War Memorial Commission SF- was commended for their great financial support to the after Veterans Day Parade event, at the Veterans Building.

LEGISLATION

Wallace Levin reported that there was a bill before Congress, to review military service records to determine whether Jewish American war veterans, who received high ranking medals, should be awarded the Medal of Honor.

91ST DIVISION FLAG MEMORIAL

After 13 months the 91st Division Flag Memorial was returned and re-dedicated on Nov. 11th. Mayor Willie Brown, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, 91st Division Commander BG Rodney Kobayashi, 23rd Marine Regiment Commander Col. Lance Ledoux, Assessor Doris Ward, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Joseph Maguire and Supervisors Leland Yee and Aaron Peskin, attended the City Hall event. Featured were the 91st Division Band and Pipes and Drums.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2002

George Gibbs and Veronica Cauley were nominated for President. George Gibbs was elected President, Elizabeth Melnik was elected Vice President and Carla Hollis was elected Sec.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Renie Champagne & Wallace Levin reported that the 2001 Veterans Day Parade was the largest parade in decades and had the biggest crowd since World War II.

NEW BUSINESS

A new agenda item and project for 2002 will be Homeless Veterans.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Vietnam Navy veteran John Moliza & CIA Agent Michael Spann.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JAN. 7, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING
401 VAN NESS AVENUE, ROOM 104

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. COMMISSION ANNIVERSARY
B. COMMISSION BUDGET
C. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP
D. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
E. HEALTH AND WELFARE-AFFLICTIONS OF WAR
F. HOMELESS VETERANS
G. INTERNET WEBSITE
H. KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION
I. LEGION COMMISSION-AMERICAN LEGION
J. LEGISLATION -H.R. 606, S1200 & H.R. 62
K. 91ST DIVISION
L. USS IOWA
M. VETERANS BUILDING
N. VETERANS DAY PARADE & MEMORIAL DAY
O. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS-AMVETS-DAV-JWV-MOPH
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MINUTES OF THE JAN. 7, 2002 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by President George Gibbs.
Commissioner's Carla Hollis, Wallace Levin, George Gibbs, Elizabeth Melnik, Michael Thompson, Edwin Wilkerson, Glenn Raswyck and Raymond Wong were present. County Veterans Service Office Director Cheryl Cook, Deputy City Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Aaron Zeff, Rick Suarez, Bud Wilson, Vince Rios, Rita D. Amida, and Nathan Ratner, were also present. President Gibbs recognized past presidents Wallace Levin, CJ O'Mara and Edwin Wilkerson.
President Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
President Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Glenn Raswyck, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
Jim Lineberger made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik, to approve the minutes of the Dec. 3, 2001 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Ratner made a comment regarding Flag Code. Does our city officials have the authority to hang flag at half-mast without being approved by President of the US.
Wallace Levin, Co Veterans Service Office Director spoke of the commission looking into Homeless Veterans Services.

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

A request was made to update the list of the Commissioners of Veterans Affairs on file at the Mayors office. Format report by next meeting Feb 4, 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Will be holding the East Bay Stand Down, (4) days at Camp Parks. Thursday September. 5, 2002 through Sunday September 8, 2002.

HEALTH AND WELFARE – AFFLICTIONS OF WAR

The US Government has acknowledge The Gulf War Syndrome and are working medical and benefits for service members that served during this war.

LEGISLATION – H.R. 606, S1200 & H.R. 628

Glen Raswyck, motioned Michael Thompson seconded.

91ST DIVISION

91st Division had the first man to be killed during the Afghanistan War

VETERANS BUILDING

The building will have work done to it.

VETERANS DAY PARADE & MEMORIAL DAY

The planning has started for both parades. Any one that would like to help out please volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS

The Presidio Commissary may be closed by June 2002. Please write a letter & make a resolution to keep it open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Faire is scheduled April 2, 2002 at Fort Mason.
Jim Lineberger, spoke of the SSF outpatient clinic is on hold.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Nathan Chapman
If you plan on making a Committee Report, please back it up with something in writing. Thank You, Secretary Carla Hollis. (789-8091)

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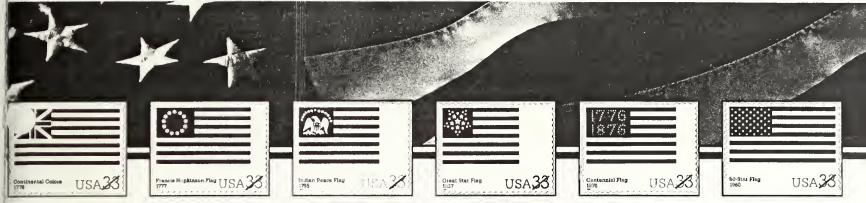

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR'S MEMORIAL DAY CITIZENS COMMITTEE, ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2002, STARTING AT 7:30 P.M., IN ROOM 104, AT THE WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING, 401 VAN NESS AVENUE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT WALLACE LEVIN, AT (415) 982-3417.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
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1. CALL TO ORDER
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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2002 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by President George Gibbs.

Commissioner's Carla Hollis, Wallace Levin, George Gibbs, Elizabeth Melnik, Raymond Wong, CJ O'Mara, Veronika Cauley, Jim Lineberger, Renie Champagne, Michael Thompson, Aaron Zeff, Bud Wilson, and Vince Rios were present. County Veterans Service Office Director Cheryl Cook, Rick Suarez, George Newman, and James Farrell, retired Air force were also present.

President George Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Raymond Wong made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Melnik, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

President George Gibbs, made a motion, seconded by Renie Champagne, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2002 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/VETERANS BUILDING/WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES
Thomas E. Horn, President of the War Memorial board of Trustees, put on a presentation of possible ideas and drawings of floor plans for the renovation of the San Francisco War Memorial Building. The War Memorial Building is now at a seismic rating (3), and is the last building of all civic center buildings to be renovated. The intent is to move all service related offices upstairs for the first floor to be used to generate revenue. The projected bond cost will be 140 million, aiming to be put on the November 2002 Ballet and will need a 2/3 passing vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION ANNIVERSARY
CJ O'Mara has granted a proclomation, to put together a committee in memoration of the MIA/POW, along with the 20th year anniversary of the Veterans Affairs Commission in September 2002. Aaron Zeff, passed a motion for a working document on this project, Veronika Cauley, seconded.

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
Carla Hollis, Secretary of the commission has established responsibilities for this position, to type the minutes of the meetings only per the directions of the President of Veterans Affairs, George Gibbs.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Rick Suarez, shared a newsletter to join the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the California Veterans Home in Yountville, and the U.S. Department of veterans Affairs at a ceremony in recognition of Korean War Veterans Saturday, April 13, 2002, at 10:00am. Department of Defense certificates and Korean War Service Medals to veterans during this ceremony.

HEALTH AND WELFARE
Veronika Cauley, would like to put on the agenda her services of a survey to explore the opportunities of an outreach program.

HOMELESS VETERANS
Aaron Zeff, would like to put on the agenda a meeting once a month with one of our elected supervisors to continue to communicate our services and facilitate an outreach program.

INTERNET WEBSITE
CJ O'Mara will be updating the website. CJ O'Mara, will be checking the links for the commission members to receive e-mail and update the roster of our new members to the commission on the site.

KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION
Wally Levin, stated there will be a speaker at San Francisco State University on March 15, 2002 at 12pm, to hold a seminar regarding media coverage of The Korean War.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS-AMVETS-DAV-JWV-MOPH
Raymond Wong spoke of The President increasing the budget for Veterans funding to 1.5 billion dollars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Vince Rios, introduced James Farrell, retired Air force, whom resides over the ADHOC Committee to discuss the San Francisco – Presidio Commissary closure. To be put on the agenda, for a resolution to start a petition to keep the San Francisco – Presidio Commissary (open).

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned in memory of all the service members whom have died in combat in Afghanistan.
If you plan on making a Committee Report, please back it up with something in writing. Thank You, Secretary Carla Hollis. (789-8091)

MINUTES OF THE JAN. 7, 2002 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

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Wallace Levin, requested the commission study the Homeless Veterans issue.
LEGISLATION – HR.606.S1200 & H.R628
Glen Raswyck made a motion and Michael Thompson seconded, to support the above legislation.
91ST DIVISION
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VETERANS BUILDING
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VETERANS DAY PARADE & MEMORIAL DAY
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ADJOURNMENT
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MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002, 6:00 P.M.
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C. COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE--Cheryl Cook
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E. HEALTH & WELFARE
F. HOMELESS VETERANS--George Gibbs
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I. LEGION COMMISSION-AMERICAN LEGION--Vince Rios
J. LEGISLATION
K. MEMORIAL DAY--Wallace Levin & Renie Champagne
L. MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH SUPERVISORS--Aaron Zeff
M. PRESIDIO COMMISSARY CLOSING--Vince Rios
N. VA HOSPITAL OUT REACH TABLE--Veronika Cauley
O. VETERANS BUILDING WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES PLAN & BOND ISSUES
P. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS-AMVETS-DAV-JWV-MOPH--Raymond Wong

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
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6. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CITY HEALTH COVERAGE
B. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP
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D. DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, CHAPTER 3 PROJECT
E. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2003
F. HEALTH AND WELFARE
G. LEGION COMMISSION & AMERICAN LEGION
H. LEGISLATION
I. VETERANS BUILDING
J. VETERANS DAY PARADE
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9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JAN. 6, 2003, 6:00 P.M.
WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING
401 VAN NESS AVENUE, ROOM 104

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MINUTES

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CITY HEALTH COVERAGE

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E. LEGISLATION

F. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-LETTER TO MAYOR BROWN URGING HIM TO APPOINT VETERANS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

9. NEW BUSINESS

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEB. 3, 2003, 6:00 P.M.
WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING
401 VAN NESS AVENUE, ROOM 104
(415) 982-3417

George Gibbs, President
Michael Thompson, V.P.
Carla Hollis, Secretary

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL SIGN IN
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
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B. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP-Letter to Board of Supervisors

C. COMMISSION WEB-SITE

D. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

E. HEALTH AND WELFARE

F. LEGISLATION

G. RESUMPTION OF THE DRAFT-Letter to Mayor & Board of Supervisors

H. SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN LEGION CATHY POST 384, MUSEUM, HOUSING AND ROTC PROJECTS

I. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, March 3, 2003, 6:00 P.M.
War Memorial Veterans Building
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104
(415) 982-3417

George Gibbs, President
Michael Thompson, V.P.
Carla Hollis, Secretary

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
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Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2003 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by President George Gibbs.
Commissioner's Carla Hollis, Aaron Zeff, Raymond Wong, Ralph Gibson Sr., Wallace Levin, Fred Gomez, Mike Thompson, George Gibbs, Glenn Raswyck, Wayne Snodgrass of the City Attorney's Office were present. Also present were Bok Pon of Cathy Post #384 and Cheryl Cook of the SFCVSO.
President George Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Raymond Wong made a motion, seconded by Carla Hollis, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
Raymond Wong made a motion, to approve the February 3, 2003 minutes. Ralph Gibson Sr., seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheryl Cook of the SFCVSO would like to thank the Veterans Affairs Commission for all of our support.
Bok Pon Post #384 Commander would also like to thank the Commission for all of our support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSION BY LAW CHANGES

Wayne Snodgrass of the City Attorney's Office discussed a letter from the Commission requesting voting changes recommendations to be sent to the Board of Supervisors. Glenn Raswyck made a motion, seconded by Aaron Zeff.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Two Commission seats are available. The next meeting will be March 19, 2003 9:30am 2nd floor, City Hall.
A resolution appointing Carla Hollis, term ending January 31, 2006 and Godofredo Gomez, Ralph Gibson, Bud Wilson and Aaron Zeff, terms ending January 31, 2007 to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

COMMISSION WEB-SITE

Wallace Levin made a motion, seconded by Glenn Raswyck to table the Commission Web-Site til next meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

As of March 3, 2003 Gabe Avila a VA Employee will be working (1) day a week Mondays at the ACHV office, 13th & Mission the VA Clinic for homeless veterans. Phone (415) 551-7312 for questions. Cheryl Cook of the SFCVSO would like to become backup every other day of the week that Mr. Avila will not be able to serve homeless veterans.

LEGISLATION

Cheryl Cook of the SFCVSO, dispersed Legislative updates. Senate Bill SB 544: amend section 6107 & add section 27266.
(AB 188 MAZE) Absentee voting – (Status) In the Assembly Elections, Redistricting and Constitutional Committee.
(AB 189 COGDILL) Sales & use taxes exemption: veteran's meals - (Status) In the Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee.
(AB 207 MAZE) Vandalism: Veterans memorial, monument or cemetery - (Status) In the Assembly Public Safety Committee.
(AB 214 S. HORTON) Taxpayer contributions: Veterans quality of Life Fund - (Status) In the Assembly.
(ACR 17 COGDILL) Tuolumne County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway - (Status) In the Assembly Transportation Committee.
(AJR 5 PARRA) Vietnam Veteran Memorial Education Center – (Status) In the assembly Veterans Affairs Committee.
(SB 73 PARRA) National Guard – (Status) In the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

MEMORIAL DAY PRESIDIO CEREMONY

Wallace Levin will be holding the meeting tonight, please attend if you would like to help in planning the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS

Bok Pon, Commander of Cathay Post #384 disclosed the ceremony Saturday, April 12, 2003 10am – 2pm at the War Memorial Bldg., honoring survivors of the (Bataan Death March). The President of the United States has declared May as Asian Heritage Month.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Sgt. Vincente Edwardo Pasqua; a Veteran killed on 4th Market/Montgomery and Brigadier General Douglas Riach, 2nd Lieutenant who served Normandy on D-Day.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm by President George Gibbs.
If you plan on making a committee report, please back it up with something in writing. Thank You, Secretary Carla Hollis. (415) 789-8091.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003, 6:00 P.M.
WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING
401 VAN NESS AVENUE, ROOM 104

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SIGN IN ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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C. COMMISSION WEB-SITE

D. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

E. HEALTH AND WELFARE-BOK PON HOUSING REPORT

F. LEGISLATION-U.S. ARMY FILIPINO VETERANS RIGHTS

G. MEMORIAL DAY PRESIDIO CEREMONY

H. SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS IN IRAQ

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003, 6:00 P.M.
War Memorial Veterans Building
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104
San Francisco, CA 94103

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SIGN IN ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2003, 6:00 P.M.
War Memorial Veterans Building
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104
San Francisco, CA 94103

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SIGN IN ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, 6:00 p.m.
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J. VETERANS BUILDING

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J. PENTAGON'S PAY CUT OF COMBAT/FAMILY PAY TO TROOPS IN IRAQ

K. VETERANS BUILDING ART COMMISSION GALLERY CRUDE EXHIBIT

L. VETERANS DAY PARADE FUNDS NOT RAISED, BUT CUT BY $1,100.00.

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MONDAY, DEC. 1, 2003, 6:00 P.M.
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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JAN. 5, 2004, 6:00 P.M.
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MONDAY, FEB. 2, 2004, 6:00 P.M.
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CCSF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Commission Meeting – SF War Memorial Veterans Building
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104
San Francisco, CA 94102

Minutes

August 02, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm with a quorum being reached.

Commissioners Present: President Michael Thompson, Vice-President Bud Wilson, Secretary Raymond Wong, Charles (Corky) Reed, Fred Gomez, Renie Champagne, Wallace Levin, and Recording Secretary Cheryl D. Cook
City Attorney's Office: Wayne Snodgrass

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Excused Absence: Veronika Cauley
Unexcused Absences: Aaron Zeff, George Gibbs
Public Present:
Vince Rios (War Memorial Commission), Rudy Asercion (Adjutant Dist 8, Public Relations Director of AMLG War Memorial Commission, Commander of Baatan Post 600), Albert Wells (AMLG/VFW Member, Volunteer Supporter of President Bush), Luz de Leon (Executive Producer of the Pistahan Parade & Festival 2004), Dara Wong (VFW Auxiliary President), Russ Farnell (HSMPS)

- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Thompson
- Agenda was approved for this meeting
- Minutes were approved
- Public Comment:

Commissioner Levin introduced Mr. Rudy Asercion, Public Relations Director of the AMLG War Memorial Commission, who informed us of the upcoming event to honor and recognize "A-Day on October 20, 2004 from 7pm to 9pm in the Green Room, which includes a reception. General Antonio Taguba will be the keynote speaker in the Herbst Theater on October 22, 2004. There will also be a display of memeorabibilia, including General McArthur's kaki uniform and pipe along with many other memorabilia. The event is October 20 to October 22 at the War Memorial Building. The Board of Supervisors is expected to proclaim October 20 "A-Day Recognition in SF"…

- Commissioner made a motion that the CCSFVAC be an official co-sponsor of this event..
- Commissioner Reed second
- Unanimously passed

Public Comment Cont'd:

Ms Luz de Leon, Executive Producer of the Pistahan Parade & Festival 2004 taking place on August 12 to August 15 at the Yerba Buena Gardens requested the support of the CCSFVAC with the War Memorial Trustees, she plans to request the use of the building at no charge, unfortunately, the request is too late do them any good for the event this year. Ms Luz was reminded that the Board of Trustees requires one wanting to address them to inform them in writing months before their scheduled meeting. General discussion ensued with helpful ideas for the future.

Mr. Albert Wells, AMLG/VFW member addressed the Commission on asking their support of President Bush and his support of veterans. Mr. Wells presented an open letter signed by 21 Medal of Honor recipients that wanted to set the record straight on his support of veterans and veterans benefits. Mr. Wells, on behalf of President Bush is asking the Commissioners individual support for the current war on terrorism.

Mr. Russ Farnell, HSMPS, addressed the Commission on behalf of Bill Stephens and Marilyn Wong. He brought us up to date on the USS IOWA and the efforts to bring her to SF. A number of Commissioners expressed interest in attending a viewing of her on the last Sunday of this month. Mr. Farnell will relay this to Bill and Marilyn.

- **Committee Reports:**

  - **Commission By-Laws:**
    Commissioner Cook will include copies of the current By-Laws with the minutes of this meeting.

  - **Commission Goals, Plans & Funding:**
    Commissioner Cook reported on the current CCSF policy & procedures for "veterans preference" for veterans seeking employment with the City. She will bring information to the next meeting.

  - **Commission Membership:**
    Commissioner Levin stated no change since last meeting.

  - **Commission Website:**
    Commissioner Cook has contacted DTIS and received training on how to access the Commission website, however, she has not mastered how to actually create the web page. The hope is to get the website up and running with current minutes and items of interest that will include the Commission's Mission & Goals, current Commissioner roaster, etc…

- **CVSO Report:**

Commissioner Cook asked if Commissioners would be interested in name badges, particularly for attendance at meetings, events and public appearances..She stressed the importance of being identified as a representative of the SFVAC and the C&C of SF. Commissioners present felt it was an important item to have. It was decided that the Commissioners present would like Commissioner Cook to look into the probability of ordering through her office. She will report back at the next meeting. Commissioner Cook also reported that the CVSO staff would again be participating at the East Bay Stand Down taking place at Camp Parks RFTA, Dublin, CA on Aug 13 and 14, 2004. They will be a part of the numerous services available to veterans attending Stand Down this year.

- **VA Report:**

Commissioner Wong reported that the VFW volunteer table is active again at Ft. Miley. The table is being manned daily by at least to VFW members; they are informing interested veterans about the VFW and the benefits of becoming a member.

- **Health and Welfare Report:**

No report

- **Legislation Committee Report:**

Commissioner Wong reported that AB 2268 has been amended again. Commissioner Cook will bring the latest info on this bill to the next meeting..

- **Nat'l Veterans Organizations Report:**

Commissioner Wong announced that is beautiful wife, Dara Wong, has been elected President of the VFW Auxiliary. Congratulations Dara!!

- **Veterans' Day Parade and Memorial Day Ceremony Report:**

Commissioner Wong reported on the current National WWII Memorial postal stamp memorializing WWII veterans, the Rincon Annex Post Office is the only location selling the stamps, Cachets and lapel pins at this time. He brought some for those interested to purchase.

Unfinished Business: None Reported

Old Business:

Commissioner Thompson reported on the Port Commission hearing, No action was taken. The supporters of the USS IOWA were present. More updates at the next meeting. Commissioner Wilson reminded everyone how critical it is to have the Mayor "sign-off" on the ongoing campaign to bring the Iowa to SF as soon as possible because other counties are interested in having her. We could very well loose her. Russ Farnell reported on the work

the Navy is doing on the Iowa and reminded us all about the last Sunday of each month cruise out to the Iowa leaving from the Martinez pier.
New Business: None Reported

Announcements:
Commissioner Reed announced an event remembering the Buffalo Soldiers, there will be a 130th Anniversary at the SF Presidio on September 11, 2004 from 1130 hrs to 1430 hrs at the Buffalo Soldier's barracks, all are invited to attend this historic event.

With no more business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned in memory of those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan @ 2010 hrs.

Respectfully submitted for:
Commissioner Raymond Wong, Secretary
By:
Commissioner Cheryl D. Cook, Recording Secretary

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
Monday September 13, 2004 – 6:00 P.M.
War Memorial Veterans' Building
401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 104
San Francisco, CA 94102

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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7. **Health & Welfare, Updates & Reports**
8. **Legislation, Updates**
9. **National Veterans Service Organizations**
10. **Memorial Day Ceremony**

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment in memory of Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan

Next meeting: Monday October 04, 2004

City & County of San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

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MINUTES

The Commission President, Michael Thompson, called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M..
All led the Pledge of Allegiance
Agenda was approved by Motion by Commissioner Gibson, Second by Commissioner Reed
Minutes approved by Motion from Commissioner Gibson, Second by Commissioner Reed

Commission Roll Call: Present – Michael Thompson, Cheryl D. Cook, Raymond Wong, Renie Champagne, Ralph E. Gibson, Sr., Fred Gomez, Wallace Levin, Veronika Cauley, Elbert "Bud" Wilson, Charles "Corky" J. Reed and George Gibbs

City Attorney, Wayne Snodgrass

Excused Absence: Aaron Zeff

Guests & Public: Dara L. Wong, VFW Women's Auxiliary Present, District 15

Mr. Snodgrass needing to leave early, asked to give some information Commissioner Levin asked him to share with us. Clarification on this Commission's Political Activities constraints as noted in a memo dated August 02, 2004 from the City Attorney, Dennis Herrera. **See attached memo**

- **No Public Comment**

- **Committee Reports:**

By-laws – No Report

Commission Minutes Cont'd

Goals, Plans & Funding:
Commissioner Gibbs wanted clarification on the CCSF veterans' preference policy. Commissioner Cook will bring information specfically related to veterans' preference to the next Commission meeting.

Membership – No Report

Commission Website:
Commissioner Wong and Dara Wong offered to assist with getting the website up and current. Commissioner Cook will contact DTIS for training time that can be scheduled for an afternoon in the near future.

County Veterans Service Office:
4 FREE Veterans' license plates were offered to Commissioners interested. These license plates will be paid for by the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc. in order to promote and increase the visibility of these specialty plates. Proceeds from the sale of these plates go the CVSOs throughout the State to enhance services to the veterans of their counties through the County Veterans Service Office. Those interested should contact Commissioner Cook.
Commissioner Cook alerted all to upcoming health fairs, one in the Richmond district and one in the Bay View Hunter's Point district, both being held on Saturday, September 18th.

Veterans Affairs:
Commissioner Gibbs reported on the recent Stand Down held at Camp Parks in Dublin, Calif.; a huge success, there were 380 veterans and their families that participated.

Health & Welfare Updates: No Report
Commissioner Cook asked Commissioner Cauley if she could track veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan that make contact with her program. Ft. Miley VA Medical Center is seeing returnees for various health care reasons, but because of confidentiality reasons more specific information is not available. It is assumed by many that these veterans are seeking assistance with coping a malady of emotional issues centering on their experiences while serving.

Commission Minutes Cont'd.

Legislative Updates:
Commissioner Wong encouraged all to review the legislative updates in the Vet Press. Commissioner Thompson would like to see this Commission support legislation regarding disabled veterans in State positions, he will provide us with more information at the next Commission meeting

Nat'l Veterans Service Organizations Update:
Commissioner Wong announced that he and his wife are one of only six husband and wife teams in the nation that are VFW District Commander and Auxiliary President. History has surely been made here in San Francisco!!
Commissioner Champagne spoke of attending a funeral service in Chinatown of a well-known community leader and veteran of World War II, Comrade Wah Lee.

Veterans' Day Parade: No Report
Commissioner Champagne will make a report at the next Commission meeting.

Memorial Day Ceremony: No Report

- **Old Business**

Reminder – October 20, 2004, War Memorial Green Room, a reception commemorating "A-Day". October 22, 2004; "A-Day" program in the Herbst Theater
Commissioner Thompson informed of his attendance at the Yountville BBQ picnic sponsored by AMVETS on September 11, 2004 and the 138th anniversary commemoration of the Buffalo Soldiers held on the same day at the Presidio of SF Log Cabin. Commissioner Wong suggested that in the future when we are aware of events pertaining to veterans, the Commission should make their support known.
Commissioner Cook asked anyone interested in going to see the USS IOWA on the last Sunday of this month to let her know so she can make arrangements with the charter company. She will contact Merilyn Wong for more details regarding departure time and cost.

- **New Business**

Commissioner Reed would like to place an item on the agenda for the next meeting, asking the Commission's support for a plaque remembering Californians who served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865

Commission Minutes Cont'd

- **Announcements**

  1. Fleet Week starts on Friday, October 08, 2004
  2. Department of Labor (DOL) has identified September 09, 2004 to November 04, 2004 as "HIRE A VET" month.

Meeting adjourned in memory of Wah Lee and those service men & women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan

Next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday October 04, 2004 @ 6:00 P.M. War Memorial Building, Room 104

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Cook
For
Commissioner Raymond Wong, Secretary

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PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMETTEE REPORTS

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3. **Commission Membership**
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5. **County Veterans Service Office Report – Ms Cook is away at a State VSO Training Conference**
6. **Department of Veterans Affairs – Updates**
7. **Health & Welfare – Updates and Reports**
8. **Legislation – Updates**
9. **National veterans Service Organizations**
10. **Memorial Day Ceremony – Updates**

OLD BUSINESS:

A-Day Recognition Ceremony and Reception – War memorial Green Room

USS IOWA trip on Sunday, September 26 – discussion of future trips

Commissioner Reed to discuss VAC support of a plaque remembering Californians that served in the Civil war from 1861 to 1865

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjournment in memory of Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan
Next Commission meeting: November 01, 2004

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Monday, October 04, 2004

Minutes

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Agenda was approved by motion by Commissioner Gomez and
seconded by Commissioner Champagne
Minutes was approved by motion by Commissioner Wong and
seconded by Commissioner Champagne

Commission Roll Call: Present – Michael Thompson, Raymond Wong, Fred Gomez,
Bud Wilson, Wallace Levin, Aaron Zeff, Veronika Cauley, George Gibbs,
Renie Champagne, and Ralph Gibson

Excused Absences: City Attorney Wayne Snodgrass, Corky Reed and Cheryl Cook

Guests and Public: Historical Ships Memorial at Pacific Square (HSMPS),
William Stephens, Merylin Wong and Paul Gomez
James Lineberger

Public Comments

William Stephens with the Historical Ships Memorial at Pacific Square (HSMPS) informed the Commissioners that the City of Stockton has sent the Navy a written offer of intent to have the USS Iowa (BB-61) be berthed there as a museum ship. Paul Gomez with the USS Iowa Veterans Association expressed that his association is against the letter of intent. The Port of San Francisco has not shown the necessary support for the home porting of the USS Iowa in San Francisco. The HSMPS asked the Commission to reaffirm the support for the USS Iowa to be berthed at the Port of San Francisco. Motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Zeff to send an up dated letter from the Commission to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requested for their support of the berthing of the USS Iowa at Piers 27 and 31 Port of San Francisco. The letter of support should mention that USS Iowa should be allowed be berthed at the Piers permanently and not temporarily or ceremonial purposes.

HSMPS asked for assistance with obtaining public support of the plan to berth the USS Iowa at Piers 27 and 31. There are concerns that the Port of San Francisco is relinquishing the use of the piers for use other than for the USS Iowa.

There appears to be some support for the USS Iowa from the Port of San Francisco including Mike Hardeman and other Port Commissioners. There are some concerns regarding the lack of staff support.

Among the media supporting the USS Iowa is Radio station KSFO.
The Veterans Affiliated Council of Sacramento voted against the City of Stockton plan.

Committee Reports

1. Commission By-Laws: No reports

2. Commission Goals, Plans, & Funding No reports

3. Commission Membership No reports

4. Commission Web Site No reports

5. County Veterans Service Office Report
Commissioner Cheryl is away at a State VSO Training Conference
Cheryl sent to the Commissioners a Memorandum from Dennis Herrera, City Attorney regarding "Political Activity by City Officers and Employees" Also sent was a copy of the "City and County of San Francisco Veteran's Preference Application.
Cheryl also mentioned the pleasure of the Bay View Charter Yacht ride to view the USS Iowa and encourage the Commissioners to support the home porting of the Iowa in San Francisco.

6. Department of Veterans Affairs
Commissioner expressed his concerns regarding inadequate care for our city's homeless veterans.

7. Health and Welfare No reports

8. Legislation
Commissioner Gomez distributed copies of HR 677 and SB 68 (Filipino Veterans Bills)along with a request that the san Francisco Board of Supervisors support and urge President Bush to pass these bills.
Commissioner Gomez motioned and seconded by Commissioner Zeff to have the commission supports this bill. The motion carried.

9. National Veterans Service Organization
Daughters of the American Resolution are acting as museum docent at the War Memorial Veterans Building Museum Trophy room.
James Lineberger of the VFW is the contact person for the VA Outpatient Clinic in South San Francisco. It is scheduled for a gala opening either in Winter or Spring.

10. Memorial Day Ceremony/Veterans Parade
Veterans Day Parade Committee will meet after the Commission meeting.
Parade Director will be Renie Champagne and Parade Chairman will be Raymond Wong
Deadline to submit Veterans Day Parade Oct 22, 2004
San Francisco Veterans Day Parade will take place on Sunday Nov 7, 2004 1 PM starting at Second and Market Streets. Rental of a motorized cost between $500 - $750.
Parade Grand Marshal General Kobayashi and General Clark

Old Business

No reports

New Business

60th anniversary on A-day Leyte Landing. WWII Liberation of the Pacific Reception is on Oct 20, 2004 at 7 PM in the Green Room.
Next boat trip to view the USS Iowa is on Oct 31, 2004 11 AM
Nomination committee for Commission Officers will comprise of Commissioners Bud Wilson, George Gibbs, and Ralph Gibson.
Action tabled: Plaque for civil war 1861-1865.
Meeting adjourned in memory of the 1150 troops killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan

Next Commission meeting will be on November 1, 2004 6PM in room 104

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Wong
San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission

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10. Veterans' Day Parade Report

Old Business:

- USS IOWA
- Web Site
- HR 677 and SB 68 Commission position to support follow-up

New Business:

Announcements

Next meeting: Monday, December 06, 2004

City & County of San Francisco Veterans' Affairs Commission

AGENDA

Monday December 06, 2004

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7. Legislation Report
8. National Veterans' Service Organizations Reports
9. Veterans' Day Parade Report
10. Nominations Committee Report

Old Business:

- USS IOWA Update

New Business:

- Nominations
- Election of Officers

Announcements

Next meeting: Monday January 03, 2005

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